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Riot police smash Solidarity protest

WARSAW (AP). — Hundreds of riot police firing tear gas and water cannons and swinging their batons yesterday battled thousands of union protesters and youths screaming "Solidarity! Solidarity!" in the worst clashes since the early days of martial law.

Warsaw authorities threatened to reimpose the overnight curfew lifted Sunday, Warsaw television said. Authorities cut telephone lines in several sections of the city two hours after the fighting began.

Official sources, meanwhile, reported marchers had also taken to the streets in Gdansk where the independent trade union was formed.

A large crowd formed in Warsaw's Castle Square at 4 p.m. yesterday after protest plans were laid down during Saturday's May Day counter-parade by Solidarity, and despite warnings against a repeat of such illegal rallies from the police.

The confrontation turned into a police charge when unionists carrying banners and Polish flags spilled out of the square and police began firing tear gas and spraying water at

the crowd which shouted "Gestapo! Gestapo!" and "Down with the junta."

Police chased the crowd through the cobblestoned streets of the old city and surrounding areas, and dispersed crowds which regathered in several areas.

Witnesses said police fought pitched battles with marchers in the old town square where they had erected barricades of lumber and sticks and stones through grey clouds of tear gas.

The fleeing crowds regrouped and began new marches in several central areas of Warsaw, tearing down and burning some Communist flags and picking up and carrying red-and-white Polish flags that had been placed on buildings for the May Day celebration.

Ambulances were seen careering through the city streets. City medical officials refused to estimate the number of injured.

The crowd in Castle Square had formed for an unofficial rally to mark the 191st year of the most liberal, but short-lived, of Polish constitutions, enacted in 1791.



Opposition leader Shimon Peres (left) and Prime Minister Menachem Begin address the Knesset yesterday.

Fares to go up on May 16 Treasury increases fuel and food prices

Post Economic Reporter
The prices of basic commodities and fuel were raised by about nine per cent at midnight by decision of the Treasury in consultation with other ministries.

The Finance and Transport Ministries also decided to raise public transportation prices by 25 per cent, effective May 16.

The Communication Ministry is to ask the Knesset Finance Committee to approve a 25 per cent raise in the price of telephone and postal rates.

As a result of the increase in the price of fuel a further application to the committee will be made by the Energy Ministry to approve a six per cent rise in the electricity rates.

The Energy Ministry said that the 8 per cent average rise in fuel prices reflects a 10 per cent devaluation of the shekel in relation to the dollar since the last price rise in mid-March, and the slight drop in crude oil prices in recent months.

The Treasury justification for the price hike is that it is necessary to prevent subsidizing fuel or an increase in subsidies for food.

The adjustment in subsidized food products represents a continuation of the Treasury's policy of creeping rises in the prices of these commodities.

The Finance Ministry expects these increases to raise the Consumer Price Index by 1.5 per cent during May and June, which are considered to be months with a lower rate of inflation than April.

The relatively steep hikes in the public transportation and communication rates were explained as necessary to reduce their rate of subsidy from over 100 per cent to 60 per cent, in the case of communications, and 85 per cent for public transportation. This means that

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Peres: Begin troubled by his conscience

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Labour Alignment leader Shimon Peres said yesterday that in any future peace negotiations Israel should fight to have all Jewish settlements remain where they are, under such sovereignty as shall be agreed on.

Leading off the opposition in the debate on the prime minister's political statement, Peres said that Israel's settlement policy should be guided by "the map of Israel's security and settlement within defensible borders." This embraced the environs of Jerusalem, the Jordan rift, Gush Etzion, most of the Gaza district, and the Golan Heights, he said.

Peres reiterated the Alignment's opposition to Jewish settlement in areas heavily populated by Arabs, saying that such settlement could lead to a binational state.

Peres charged that the government's "resolution on the inalienability of the settlements stemmed from Prime Minister Menachem Begin's 'troubled conscience' over the fate of the Sinai settlements."

Begin in late 1977 and early 1978 had used practically identical language in pledging that the Sinai settlements would stay put no matter what, Peres said, quoting chapter and verse. Begin had even undertaken to resign if he were forced to sacrifice the settlements. What had happened to those promises? Peres asked.

Peres ridiculed Begin for saying that if the Knesset had held two separate votes — one on the peace agreement with Egypt and one on the dismantling of the Sinai settlements — he would have voted no on the second.

If that was really the case, Peres asked, why had Begin not said so publicly at the time. Why did he leave the Knesset in the dark?

Peres posed a series of questions to Begin about the Rafiah-Yamit evacuation. He asked why persons who had physically resisted the army's effort to evacuate them had not been brought to justice and why Yamit had to be destroyed.

Peres said that the government's resolution on the status of the settlements in any peace negotiations ruled out a possibility of Israel's reaching an understanding with the Arabs.

There was an exodus from the chamber after Peres finished speaking, and some of the subsequent speakers noted that they were "speaking to the protocol."

Victor Shemtov (Alignment-Mapam) asked at whom the prime

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Begin tells Knesset: Never again will settlements be uprooted

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

In any future negotiations on a peace treaty between Israel and its neighbors, Israel will reject any proposal to dismantle any Jewish settlement, Prime Minister Menachem Begin said yesterday.

Making a political statement at the opening session of the Knesset's summer term, Begin said that this was originally Education Minister Zevulun Hammer's motion, and that the whole cabinet had supported it.

For the first time since he broke his hip last December, the prime minister addressed the House from the rostrum rather than from his seat at the cabinet table. When he ascended and descended the rostrum, he was supported by a cane, and leaned on a Knesset usher.

The debate will be concluded this afternoon.

When Begin moved from foreign policy to the government's decision to discontinue El Al flights on the Sabbath and Jewish holidays, Alignment members began to heckle him systematically.

Speaker Menachem Savidor's plea at the opening of the session that members conduct themselves "in a cultured manner" during the summer term went unheeded, and even when the prime minister was able to utter a few sentences uninterrupted, it was difficult to hear him above the rumbling and occasional laughter.

Even a number of Likud members were obviously uneasy over Begin's pathos-laden defence of the sanctity of the Sabbath, including a quotation of the Fourth Commandment. During this part of his speech there were smiles on the faces of several Liberal MKs.

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Begin said he has urged Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to renew the negotiations on autonomy, which should concentrate mainly on the election and activation of the administrative council in the territories.

Obviously, said Begin, the negotiations must take place in the capitals of the three countries involved. It was inconceivable that Israel would submit to a boycott of Jerusalem as one of the three locales.

The prime minister said that Israel would not acquiesce in any violations of the peace treaty or of the Camp David accords. If Egypt carried out its obligations, so would Israel. But an Egyptian failure to do so would trigger an "appropriate and quick" reaction, he said.

"We promised autonomy," Begin said, "and not self-determination, which can mean only one thing — a state." He quoted from the government's Basic Principles, approved by the Knesset last August 5.

"The autonomy agreed on at Camp David is not sovereignty and not self-determination... At the end of the transition period, Israel will raise its demand and work for the realization of its right to sovereignty over Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district."

Begin announced, on behalf of the government, that when the day comes that Israel sovereignty is applied to those territories, "We shall maintain full autonomy for the Arab inhabitants in these areas of Eretz Yisrael, as agreed at Camp David, and as will be agreed in the negotiations which, it may be assumed, will be renewed shortly."

Regarding El Al's Sabbath flights, Begin quoted from former transport minister Moshe Carmel, who declared in the Knesset on June 25, 1969 to the effect that despite financial

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British navy sinks Argentinian cruiser

LONDON (UPI). — The British navy, escalating the pressure on Argentina's Falkland Islands invasion force, torpedoed and sank Argentina's second-largest warship and sank an Argentine patrol craft, the Defence Ministry said yesterday.

In a surprise move, Argentine President Leopoldo Galtieri sent two senior aides to Lima, only hours after his military junta had rejected Peru's peace proposal for the Falklands.

The truce plan was suggested by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and promoted by Peruvian President Fernando Belaunde Terry in hours of telephone conversations with Galtieri this weekend, a Peruvian government spokesman said.

The British government requisitioned the luxury Cunard liner Queen Elizabeth 2 to transport 3,000 more infantry troops to the South Atlantic. Two more ferries and a container ship to carry helicopters for air support of the infantry brigade also were requisitioned.

Torpedoing of the Argentine cruiser General Belgrano, a U.S. built veteran of Pearl Harbour, was one of the toughest blows yet inflicted on Argentina. The ship was located Sunday afternoon by a British nuclear-powered submarine with two escorting frigates just outside Britain's 200-mile blockade zone around the Falklands. The Belgrano, which had not attacked the British task force, was hit by two torpedoes. The Argentine chiefs of staff reported the sinking last night.

The Defence Ministry said it did not know the fate of the Belgrano's 1,000-man crew, but the cruiser's escort vessels were seen going to its aid.

In another skirmish, before dawn yesterday, two armed Argentine patrol boats fired on a British Sea King helicopter on anti-submarine patrol 144 kilometres inside the blockade zone. Two navy Lynx helicopters then attacked the boats with missiles, sinking one of them and certainly damaging the other.

Argentina 'pleased' with Israeli arms

TEL AVIV. — Israel has over the years sold Argentina jet fighters, patrol boats and air-to-air and ship-to-ship missiles, making that country second only to South Africa in the volume of arms purchased here, foreign publications report. However, the supply is only a small part of Argentina's arms purchase, the biggest supplier being none other than Britain itself.

Israel officials have declined to discuss the deals or comment on reports in line with general policy.

However, some sources said yesterday many of the major deals with Argentina were completed years ago, and they are not aware of any outstanding contracts. Some deals may have been concluded without their knowledge, they admitted.

In one major deal Israel sold Argentina 26 Nesher jet fighters, an Israeli-built Mirage III, named Dagger by the Argentines

and considered the forerunner of the Kfir. This was reported in *The Statesman's Year Book, 1981-82*.

When Mordechai Zipori — now minister of communications, but then deputy defence minister — went to Latin America to boost Israeli arms exports, Argentinian officials said they were "very pleased" with the Nesher deal. One of these planes was downed by a British Harrier-fired missile, which hit its tail near the Falkland Islands on Sunday.

Some of Argentina's fighters are equipped with Shafrir MK2 air-to-air missiles, produced by Rafael.

Four aluminum-hulled Dabur-class patrol boats were also sold to Argentina.

The Israel Aircraft Industries also sold several Gabriel II ship-to-ship missiles to equip two German-type 148 fast attack craft, the reports said.

Maccabi TA wins basketball cup

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Tel Aviv last night easily brushed aside the annual challenge from Hapoel Ramat Gan, beating them for the fourth consecutive year in the final to win the State Basketball Cup at Yad Eliyahu stadium by a convincing 90 points to 77.

President Yitzhak Navon awarded the trophy to Lou Silver, who led Maccabi to their 19th Cup triumph in the 22 years the competition has been contested.

Maccabi were in a towering mood, while Ramat Gan were only

a pale shadow of the force they have been this past year.

Earl Williams controlled the rebound boards and Maccabi completely neutralized Hapoel's normally devilish triangle of Steves-Malovic, Schlachter and Kaplan.

Inside minutes Maccabi had built up a six-point lead which they stretched to 49-36 at half time.

Leading scorers were Williams 27, Silver 22, and Perry 17 for Tel Aviv, Goren 22, and Schlachter 14 each for Ramat Gan. In the earlier women's final, Elitzur Tel Aviv took the State Cup with a 81-77 victory over Hapoel Haifa.

Curfews and bans on travel lifted in part of West Bank

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Restrictions against crossing the Jordan River bridges imposed on residents of Ramallah and El-Bireh a month and a half ago were lifted yesterday as tensions eased somewhat on the West Bank.

Curfews and other restrictions on movements were also lifted from a number of localities, remaining in force only in Dahariya, Sa'ir and the El-Arub refugee camp.

The most serious incidents were reported in the Old City of Jerusalem where in the afternoon youths stoned a border police patrol on Rehov Haggai leading to the Western Wall. The patrol fired in the air and arrested one youth.

Earlier, youths from Christian and Moslem schools demonstrated in the Holy Sepulchre Church, chanting nationalist slogans. Security forces did not enter the church, but arrested several youths as they left.

Two houses in the village of Husan near Bethlehem were sealed by security forces on Sunday night after a 16-year-old villager allegedly admitted to placing a mine last month near the village of Batir which severely wounded an Israeli soldier. The mine had been placed on a hiking trail near the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem railway line.

In addition to the house belonging to the family of the youth, Muhammad Abd-El Aziz Sabatam, the security forces also sealed the house of Faim Ahmed Ismail el-Kurd Hamara, who allegedly assisted him. The IDF spokesman said that additional mines have been found and other suspects detained.

Sabatam's lawyer, Darwish Nasser, wired Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Defence Minister Ariel Sharon to rescind what he called collective punishment against the family.

Certificates of merit 'sold' to shopkeepers

Holon customers seem to prefer everything

HOLON (Itim). — Almost every second store in Holon has been awarded the title "Preferred Business for 1982" by the Israel Institute for the Preferred Product and Business, members of the Holon Merchants Association told a press conference here yesterday.

They complained that during the past few months employees of the institute (Hebrew acronym: Milan) have covered the city, informing shopkeepers and others that a public poll had selected their enterprise as superior and presenting them with a certificate. They thereupon asked for IS6,500 plus VAT, explaining that this

would admit them to a festive dinner under the auspices of Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, where they would receive an official diploma. Lahat's name appears on the certificate as sponsor of the campaign.

One businessman said, for example, that almost every photographer in Holon had been awarded the "preferred" title. He said that anyone resisting the Milan offer was convinced to accept the title at discounts of up to 80 per cent. In several cases, he added, particularly obstinate merchants received the certificates free.

Advocate Shlomo Zvi, legal ad-

viser to Milan, said the campaign was fair and in accordance with the publicized rules of the competition. No place of business had been promised exclusivity as the "preferred" one, he said. He insisted that Uri Stark, the Holon municipal spokesman, had raised the question for political reasons. He said that Lahat's patronage had annoyed the Holon city fathers.

Zvi said that anyone not interested in the title could relinquish it and be reimbursed.

Maya Tsvori, head of the Consumer Council last night told *The Jerusalem Post* that she had been

called by a businessman from the Dan region, who said someone had come to his store and offered him, in exchange for IS6,500, a "preferred product" title on behalf of the consumer organization. Tsvori advised him to contact the police and said the Consumer Council has absolutely no connection to such campaigns.

She told *The Post*: "I appeal to all public figures in the country to immediately stop giving their patronage to such commercial campaigns. Public opinion polls are one thing, but these campaigns do nothing for improved product quality."

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BRUSSELS	10	14	57	Cloudy
CHICAGO	14	17	64	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	14	17	64	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	14	17	64	Cloudy
GENEVA	14	17	64	Cloudy
HONG KONG	20	28	82	Clear
JERUSALEM	13	18	64	Cloudy
LONDON	13	18	64	Cloudy
MADRID	13	18	64	Cloudy
MONTREAL	13	18	64	Cloudy
NEW YORK	13	18	64	Cloudy
OSLO	13	18	64	Cloudy
PARIS	13	18	64	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	20	28	82	Clear
SAO PAULO	11	16	59	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	11	16	59	Cloudy
TORONTO	11	16	59	Cloudy
VIENNA	11	16	59	Cloudy
ZURICH	11	16	59	Cloudy

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Jerusalem	30	35	20
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Safed	30	35	20
Haifa Port	30	35	20
Tiberias	30	35	20
Nazareth	30	35	20
Afula	30	35	20
Shomron	30	35	20
Tel Aviv	30	35	20
B-G Airport	30	35	20
Jericho	30	35	20
Gaza	30	35	20
Beer Sheva	30	35	20
Eilat	30	35	20

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Beare Family Humanities Building was dedicated yesterday at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem at a ceremony presided over by university president Avraham Harman and with the participation of Mr. Aaron Beare and Mr. Isaac Hays of South Africa, and by Hebrew University board of governors chairman Robert Smith.

B'nai B'rith Albert Einstein (English-speaking) Lodge will meet every Wednesday from tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. to study a translation of the Prophets, led by Rabbi Joseph Rosenfeld, at the B'nai B'rith Centre, 3-5 Rehov Keren Hayesod, Jerusalem. All are welcome.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Aaron Beare, South Africa; Mr. Ellis Birk and Lady Birk, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nafalin, United Kingdom; Prof. Fred Singer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, and Dr. Henry Sonnenberg III, all for the 44th annual meeting of the Hebrew University's board of governors.

Alix de Rothschild dies at age 71

Alix de Rothschild, a founder and patron of the Israel Museum and former world chairwoman of Youth Aliya, died yesterday at Chateau de Reux near Pont-l'Evêque, France, at the age of 71.

The baroness was born in the Austro-Hungarian branch of the family. She was formerly married to the Baron Guy de Rothschild. A frequent visitor to Israel, she organized many art exhibitions to benefit local institutions and charities.

WORLD & HOME NEWS

El Al staff plans legal action, strikes Ministers to seek new air arrangements

Jerusalem Post Staff
TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut, representatives of workers in vital services and El Al's staff committees yesterday planned strikes and legal action to foil the government's decision to stop the national carrier from flying on Saturdays and Jewish holidays.

The airline is expected to continue flying while workers exhaust ways other than a strike to keep the planes in the air. El Al flies more than 24 per cent of its passengers on the Sabbath, operating more flights than on any other day. A committee appointed by Transport Minister Haim Corfu said it will lose \$30-40 million if the Sabbath flights are stopped in accordance with coalition agreement with Agudat Yisrael.

Some travel agents have already cancelled bookings, fearing flights would be disrupted, an El Al source reported. But he said it was too early to predict the extent of this development. Meanwhile, the Liberal wing of the Likud decided yesterday that the role of the Eirlich committee on Sabbath observance at El Al is not only to work out the timetable for eliminating Sabbath flights but also to propose alternative air-traffic arrangements.

Deputy Prime Minister Simha Eirlich, whose committee was set up by the cabinet on Sunday, did not attend the meeting of the Liberal wing, called at the request of the wing's two *enclaves*, Dror Zeigerman and Dan Tichon. However, the Liberal Ministers who attended the meeting of the wing assured their colleagues that the prevailing view in the cabinet envisaged some reasonable substitute

for El Al's existing Sabbath flights. The National Religious Party faction yesterday issued a long and enthusiastic statement backing the government in its ban on El Al Sabbath flights.

"El Al will become more prosperous if it observes the Sabbath strictly," the NRP said.

Labour's Shevach Weiss wrote the attorney-general, asking Yitzhak Zamir to confirm that existing Sabbath legislation expressly and explicitly permitted El Al to operate on the Sabbath.

Yehuda Sa'adi, the chairman of the economic committee of the Histadrut's Agricultural Centre told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that Israel's agricultural exports might suffer from the Sabbath travel ban. He said the farmers are flying sensitive and perishable commodities, like fresh vegetables and freshly cut flowers to Europe and that since Israel's competitors reach the markets' seven days a week so must they.

While management waited for clarification from the government on Sunday's decision, the workers and the labour federation yesterday decided on a two-pronged action to fight it. They decided to appeal to the court to uphold agreements with management which provide for Sabbath flights and also launched a political campaign. Secretary General Yeroham Meshel said that at his meeting with Prime Minister Menachem Begin today he will ask him not to lend a hand "to a strange law whereby one Jew (employed by the airport authority) is allowed to work (and serve foreign carriers) while another (employed by El Al) isn't."

BEGIN IN KNESSET

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cial losses and operational difficulties, El Al did not operate regular flights on the Sabbath to or from Lydda Airport.

"Is it conceivable," Begin asked, "that in the reborn Jewish state the monetary profit or loss will outweigh the religious, social, national, historical, and moral value of the Sabbath in Israel?"

Surely it was with good reason that Christianity and Islam, in fact the entire world, has borrowed from Israel the idea of a weekly day of rest — "you and your manservant and your maidservant" — even though they chose a day other than the seventh day, he said.

Addressing the El Al workers "from my heart," Begin said that a profit-and-loss reckoning had no place where an eternal value of the Jewish people was concerned.

But, he added, if the workers ensured the company a few years of industrial peace, if they would make do with their present standard of living "which is not one of the lowest," then El Al would no longer have to be supported by the taxpayers and would carry its own weight "in the six days of labour and flying."

Among the comments hurled at Begin by Alignment members were: "Why don't you stop Sabbath football games?" "What about television?" "Why were you silent for the last five years?"

Begin quoted from Aha Ha'am's essay "The Sabbath and Zionism," in an effort to prove that even non-religious Zionists should respect the Sabbath as a national value.

Asher Wolfish, Post Knesset Correspondent, adds:

When the debate on Begin's statement is closed this afternoon, it is still not clear if the National Religious Party will table its own motion in addition to the government's as Hammer had announced on Sunday.

The NRP Knesset faction met yesterday to discuss Hammer's proposal and will meet again this afternoon, at the eleventh hour, the chief obstacle being Begin's objection to the NRP ploughing its own furrow.

"Begin told Hammer and his close associate, Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir, that it was 'not done' for a coalition partner to table a separate motion."

If the NRP tables a separate motion rejecting the possibility that settlements in the areas would be abandoned, it could not sponsor the coalition motion as well, even though it could vote for the coalition motion as well as for its own.

NRP men yesterday were pressing some of the Alignment hawks to lobby support for a separate motion concerning settlement, should the NRP table one, Aryeh Nehamkin, who represents the moshav movement in Labour, said he would prefer that his faction dispense with faction discipline on the vote, to enable him to vote for an NRP motion.

The Alignment, which had been holding intensive discussions on the best way to sum up the debate, was unable to reach a consensus on a substantive motion, because of the gulf between Labour and Mapam. The compromise solution worked out will be to table a motion "taking note of Peres' speech," tailored after the coalition motion "taking note of Begin's speech."



Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau kid around in the VIP lounge at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday bringing a smile to the face of 20th Century Fox president Sherry Lansing. (Israel Sun)

'The Odd Couple' ham it up as film personalities arrive

By JEFFREY HELLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

LOD. — Not many "unemployed" odd couples get the VIP treatment at Ben-Gurion Airport — unless they happen to be film stars Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon, who once appeared together in the movie, *The Odd Couple*.

"It's my first visit here and I'm delighted. I wanted to come for years," said Lemmon, 54.

"And we needed somebody to turn on the lights on Friday night," added Matthau, 62.

A children's choir and local United Jewish Appeal officials greeted the Los Angeles entertainment study mission at the airport. Mark Rydell, director of *On Golden Pond*, Sherry Lansing, 20th Century Fox president, director Arthur Hiller, television personality Monty (Let's Make a Deal) Hall, his producer-wife Marilyn, and other entertainment-industry leaders are on the trip.

"Lemmon and myself had nothing to do — we're unemployed — and so we thought, what the hell, we might as well come and see what Israel looks like," Matthau quipped at an airport press conference about this, his second visit to the country. It may be a somewhat uncomfortable

table junket for Matthau, who broke his shoulder on the set of *Buddy, Buddy*, in which he again stars with Lemmon.

"(Lemmon) was supposed to go down a chute to escape from the police," Matthau remarked in his droll style. "I said, wait a minute, let me go down first because this shot looks dangerous. I went down — broke my shoulder (and) cracked my head. I haven't had a night's rest since. Two weeks ago I tore my retina because of this broken shoulder I've got. I saved his life."

Lemmon picked up where his friend ("We appear to be together a lot, but we're straight; we have wives") left off.

"So there he was lying on his back, writhing and moaning in pain and I wasn't sure if he'd broken his neck or not. So I held his head steady... put my coat under his head... and said: 'Are you comfortable?'"

"And he stopped his moaning and said: 'I make a living.' Study mission members will visit President Yitzhak Navon at his residence, lunch with Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres, tour an Air Force base, see the Golan Heights, a kibbutz, Masada, and meet with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

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minister aimed his statement that no settlement would be dismantled. Certainly not at Egypt or the U.S., who would hardly be impressed by it. Rather it was aimed at Begin himself, because of his fear of the precedent he established in Sinai.

Clearly differing from Peres, Shemtov said that the future of the settlements must be opened to negotiations. This applied not only to Likud-established settlements in heavily populated Arab areas but also to Alignment-established settlements in the Jordan rift valley, which Mapam had opposed.

Shemtov said that if some Arab nation was prepared to make peace in return for the dismantling of only 10 per cent of the settlements, or even less, Begin under the government's resolution would have to say no.

The Knesset opened its session with a moment of silence in memory of Ze'ev Katz, a member of the Ninth Knesset, who died of a prolonged illness on the eve of Independence Day.

PRICE RISES

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even after the price rises the government adds 60 to 85 agorot for every shekel the consumer spends on such services.

Reacting to the price increases, Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel said that Finance Minister Yoram Aridor is reducing the economy to total anarchy.

The following are representative examples of price increases (old price in brackets):

Fuel	IS	IS
	(price per liter)	
94 octane petrol	12.90	(11.80)
91 octane petrol	10.60	(9.70)
Misul (motor)	9.20	(8.40)
Kerosene	10.20	(9.50)
cooking gas (12 kilo)	162.82	(147.86)
Food		
1 litre milk	5.45	(5.00)
loaf of white bread	3.25	(3.00)
1 litre cooking oil	16.00	(15.55)
cup of margarine 250 gr.	4.90	(4.50)
No. 2 chicken (per kg)	36.50	(33.50)
No. 3 egg	1.47	(1.35)
steak	100.00	(94.00)
steak-lean roast	98.00	(92.00)
Urban bus fare	3.50	(2.80)

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Haig, Reagan available for Palestine autonomy talks

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Alexander Haig says that both he and President Ronald Reagan are personally available to get the stalled Palestinian autonomy negotiations moving again.

In an interview with *U.S. News and World Report* the secretary said that prospects for success in those negotiations are "reasonable" if both Israel and Egypt agree to defer some of the most difficult matters until after the proposed five year transitional period.

He confirmed that the administration now planned a major drive to revive the negotiations, including another visit to the region in the coming weeks by special U.S.

negotiator Richard Fairbanks. Asked about prospects for reaching an agreement, Haig replied: "There remains an unanswered question. At the time of the Camp David accords, the parties mutually agreed to set aside questions involving profound differences of opinion, such as the future of Jerusalem and the ultimate status of the territories. They did that with the intent of providing a period for confidence-building."

"If, during the transition period, the parties insist on resolving, a priori, those fundamental differences of principle, there will be no success. If they continue with the concept of confidence building, then I think the prospects are reasonable."

Begin places fourth in American poll

WASHINGTON. — Prime Minister Menachem Begin finished as the fourth most admired foreign leader in a poll taken among distinguished Americans by the magazine "U.S. news and world report."

Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt finished first and second, the magazine reported in its latest issue yesterday.

The assassinated president of Egypt, Anwar Sadat, came in third. As part of its ninth annual "Who Runs America" poll, the magazine

asked leaders in 30 fields to name the foreign leader they most admire. Responses were received from 1,548 prominent Americans.

Begin finished ahead of French President Francois Mitterrand and Pope John Paul II, who were tied for fifth place.

Rounding out the top 10 were Lech Walesa of the Polish Solidarity movement, President Jose Lopez Portillo of Mexico, Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau of Canada, and Deng Xiaoping, vice-chairman of China's Communist Party.

Probe urged into payment to colonel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The defence establishment's controller has recommended that the IDF judge advocate-general look into a case in which the Tadiran electronics firm paid a lieutenant-colonel \$2,300 in addition to expenses to go abroad to help promote its Mastiff drones.

The defence establishment had approved the trip in principle, but the final approval by the deputy chief of staff was given only after the officer left the country, the controller said.

Moreover, instead of providing the ticket and money through the Defence Ministry, Tadiran approached the officer directly. The controller said this was a serious

breach of regulations.

He also said the Air Force had broken a contract with the Israel Aircraft Industry which builds a competing drone — called Scout — by allowing reserve officers working as electronics engineers for Tadiran into the Scout's command post. However, he did not substantiate the IAI's claim that officers passed some of its industrial secrets to Tadiran.

Another issue to be brought to the judge advocate-general's attention was that some officers who had dealt with drones during their military service began working for Tadiran after their discharge, and were therefore expected to pass some secrets to their new employer.

Amnesty of criminals to be limited

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The government is to set up a committee of jurists and public figures to review the files of certain categories of criminals to decide whether they should be amnestied in honour of the 15th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.

The cabinet decided by majority vote yesterday on this procedure, rejecting the prime minister's proposal that the amnesty be much broader, and be effected by a Knesset law.

Premier Menachem Begin could muster only five votes for his proposal, while the idea of a committee — which will mean a much more limited and selective amnesty — won seven votes. The idea was advocated by Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, who said it had the

support of the attorney-general.

The cabinet convened specially to vote on the two proposals because the original vote at Sunday's weekly cabinet meeting was queried by some ministers who felt the cabinet secretary had miscounted.

Nissim has made it clear that murderers, rapists, violent robbers, security offenders and recidivists will not be eligible for the amnesty.

Fee raised for Kupat Holim medicine

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Members of the Kupat Holim sick fund must now pay a fee of 153 for each medicine they receive at clinic pharmacies. The addition of one shekel came into effect on Sunday.

The Israel Museum
mourns the death of the great humanitarian

Baroness ALIX DE ROTHSCHILD

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JOSEPH LISON

there will be a memorial service at the graveside on Thursday, 13 Iyar 5742 (May 6, 1982) at 4 p.m. at the Ashdod cemetery.

The Family

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STRICT WARNING

We herewith announce that the Kashrut supervision at the Hof Hatmarim (Palm Beach) Hotel at the entrance to Acre and its restaurant has been withdrawn.

The public should take note, and act accordingly. We request all tourist companies everywhere not to mislead tourists who require Kashrut.

S. Lofes
Chief Rabbi of Acre

Hebrew University head says he acted to avert violence

By ISRAEL AMRANI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hebrew University President Avraham Harman takes personal responsibility for calling in police last week to detain five students wearing Israel-Palestine Peace lapel pins, university spokesman Benny Mushkin confirmed yesterday.

A reliable source told *The Jerusalem Post* that Harman told the university's executive committee on Sunday that he acted as he did to stave off possible violence by right-wing students who were angered by the IPP pins. According to university rules, only the president, the rector and vice-president can call in police.

Harman's explanation that he feared right-wing violence did not satisfy everyone on the committee. Rector-designate Dan Patinkin reportedly termed Harman's reasons "the worst possible."

The issue of the IPP pins is one of

With deep sorrow we mourn the passing of a noble Humanitarian and Zionist, a Friend and Leader.

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and convey our sincere condolences to the bereaved Family and Friends of Magen David Adom in Mexico.

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In deep sorrow, we announce the death in New York of our dear

JACK (Ya'acov) BRODY

The coffin will be brought to Israel on El Al flight 002, arriving at 10.30 a.m. today, Tuesday, May 4, 1982.

The funeral will take place at the Eretz Hehaim cemetery, Har Tuv Junction, at 12 noon the same day. We shall meet at the entrance to the cemetery. Please phone Tel. 02-819811 for confirmation of the time of the funeral. Shiva will be at the Brody home, 129/1 Sanhedria Mithvev, Jerusalem.

The Family

HOME NEWS

JERUSALEM POST POLL

Over 50% oppose concessions in peace treaty with Jordan

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — More than half the public would oppose a peace treaty with Jordan if it involved conceding parts of Judea and Samaria, according to the latest Jerusalem Post poll conducted by the Modi'in Ezrachi institute of research among a representative sample of 1,260 adults held in the first half of April.

The question asked was: "Are you for a peace treaty with Jordan if it entails an Israeli commitment to withdraw from parts of Judea and Samaria?"

The response was: Not ready to make any concessions, 54.5 per cent; willing to concede certain areas, 27.1 per cent; willing to concede all of Judea and Samaria except for East Jerusalem, 10.3 per cent; willing to concede all of Judea

and Samaria including East Jerusalem, 2.7 per cent, and undecided, 5.4 per cent.

Institute director Dr. Sara Shemer pointed out that those categorically against concessions and those ready to support a treaty only if concessions involved certain areas comprised 81.6 per cent of the public.

Analysis of the data indicated a correlation between voting patterns and respondents' answers. Two-thirds of those who voted for the Likud last June opposed any concessions in Judea and Samaria, with only one-third of Labour Alignment voters adopting this stand. This hawkish position was particularly strong among the 18-19 age group voters, Israelis born in Africa, and religious and traditional people.

'Wonderful things we do' on TV ignored, says Lapid

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Broadcasting Authority director-general Yosef Lapid yesterday lashed out against those who voice "unbalanced criticism" of Israel television and radio, and claimed that their severe shortage of funds prevents the production of more original programmes.

Speaking in the authority plenum, Lapid said that public and political interests concentrate their criticism on "two or three subjects" in the news, while ignoring "the wonderful other things we do."

Lapid claimed that contrary to concern that TV and radio coverage of the Yom Kippur war would inflame the anti-withdrawal diatribes, "our coverage contributed greatly to moderation and to results that made the rest of the world sympathetic."

The director-general complained that the authority has 5 per cent less money in real terms than last year, "and then we didn't have enough." The dearth of original programming, he added, was not due to a lack

of imagination or effort by the staffers, but the lack of funds.

While agreeing with Lapid that TV and radio had a moderating influence in Yom Kippur, authority chairman Reuven Yaron said that staffers should not extrapolate from that that coverage by the electronic media cools tempers in other situations.

In the earlier board of directors meeting, Lapid said he had received praise from Israel's ambassador to Egypt, Moshe Sasson, on the Israeli-Egyptian TV programme broadcast in both countries on the day of the withdrawal from Sinai.

The board decided not to take action against TV journalist Rafik Halabi, who was accused by member Aharon Papo of preparing a "totally distorted" report on the Golan Druse. Lapid conceded, however, that the report was "tendentious and lacking from a professional point of view, and that only anti-Israel Druse had been interviewed."

The board unanimously appointed Kol Yisrael director Gideon Lev-Ary to another three-year term.

Rotary convention hosts delegation from India

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A group of 16 Rotarians from India is attending the annual convention of Israel's Rotary Clubs, to open tonight at the Tel Aviv Hilton. About 500 local Rotarians (a third of the country's membership) are expected to attend, as well as nine guests from the U.S., Canada and South Africa.

Rotary governor Abraham Nussen told reporters yesterday that the Indian delegation is only one example of how Rotary can be an ambassador of good will for Israel in countries where Israel has little or no diplomatic representation.

Last November a similar convention was held in Nice for the Mediterranean region, Nussen said. "The Egyptians were a little afraid

to be friendly toward us," he said, "partially because their Rotary district includes Lebanon, Syria, Bahrain and other Arab countries. Some Rotarians from Morocco and Bahrain sat with us at the table and said, 'what are we doing to help bring about better relations; and we said the first thing they could do was convince the Egyptians not to be afraid to get closer to us. After that, they should follow in the Egyptians' footsteps if they can.'"

SCHOLARSHIPS. — Eleven outstanding M.A. students at Bar-Ilan University have been awarded scholarships through the fund established by Benno Gitter in memory of his daughter Ariella.



Israel's national parks will be open to the public free of charge on Lag Ba'Omer, May 11, and on Saturday, May 15, as part of National Parks Week, which the Parks Authority hopes will become an annual event. Zvi Barzilai, authority director, said the observance will open on Lag Ba'Omer with a ceremony at Eshkol Park in the Besor region. Pictured here is the beach at the Achziv National Park.

Choice of nationality suggested for Druse

By YOEL DAR

MAJDAL SHAMS. — Representatives of the Golan Druse yesterday approved a plan worked out by Sheikh Nur e-Din Halabi, a kadi in the Druse religious court in Haifa, to settle the dispute between the community and the government over the acceptance of Israeli identity cards.

According to the proposal, all Druse on the Golan over the age of 16 would hold ID cards but the local population would be given the right to choose their nationality and citizenship. Those wishing to retain Syrian citizenship would no longer receive state-accorded privileges, including children's allowances. Nationality (le'om) appears in one's ID card.

The Druse religious leader said that, if he were a resident of the Golan, he personally would not elect to adopt Syrian citizenship, but would not elaborate.

Sheikh Halabi told *The Jerusalem Post* that, in his estimation, only 5 per cent of the Druse population would opt for Syrian citizenship and Arab nationality and thus lose their

rights, about 80 per cent would ask to be categorized as Arab-Druse by nationality, without stating any citizenship, and some 15 per cent would ask to be Israeli citizens and be Druse by nationality. Government sources told *The Post* that many more Druse would opt for Syrian citizenship.

Halabi was ready yesterday to present his proposal to several cabinet ministers, but it is not yet clear if the government is ready to adopt it because of its possible negative impact on Israeli Druse who may wish to also be considered Arab by nationality.

Halabi mentioned that Deputy Prime Minister Simha Ehrlich declared last week, during his visit to the Druse village of Ushiya, that the Golan Druse had the right to choose their nationality and the government would respect their decision. *The Post* was informed by another source that Halabi had agreed to mediate in the dispute only after approval from at least one minister.

Radical groups in the Golan have already expressed opposition to the

kadi's plan, and have asked the government to allow them to move freely between Israel and Syria, to sell their goods in Damascus, and to permit their sons to study across the border.

According to Golan Druse sources, the financial damage caused since the beginning of their strike three months ago amounts to some \$100m. However, government sources told *The Post* their estimate was much higher. Moderate Druse claim the Syrians and the PLO have been sending large sums to the strikers to make good their losses. The money reportedly comes across the Jordan bridges.

The Syrians have announced that they have allocated \$26m. for this purpose and the Jordanians last week set aside 100,000 dinars to assist the Druse. Strike activists admit only to receiving contributions of several million shekels from Arabs and Druse in Israel and the West Bank. Officials said yesterday that there can be no doubt that foreign funds are involved, although they have no tangible evidence to prove their claim.

Row arises over leaks of Aguda funding report

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Education Ministry sources yesterday accused the political opponents of Agudat Israel MK Menahem Porush of leaking the findings of a ministry report which revealed financial irregularities in the Aguda's Tora and Popular Judaism Association.

The ministry director-general is now studying the comments to the report submitted by the association's directors, and will decide this week what action should be taken.

The report, which dealt with the cultural and educational activities of the association during the previous fiscal year, alleged that income tax had not been deducted

from payments made to lecturers; that funds spent on summer programmes were not adequately documented; and that the association's bank accounts raised suspicions of "double bookkeeping."

Aguda leaders denied the allegations and accused ministry officials of leaking the report to the press.

The funds allocated to the association, which last year came to \$520 million and this year to \$563m., are not part of the regular ministry budget. They were approved by the Knesset Finance Committee as part of the coalition agreement and channelled through the ministry, which is responsible, however, for auditing the funds.

Indictments expected in double murder

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Indictments are expected next week in the gangland murders of Shulamit Sheli and Michel Nahmias, police told a magistrates court yesterday. The court ordered two more suspects held in connection with the case.

A police representative asked the court to remand Eitan (Ofer) Levy, 21, and a female bank clerk, 30, whose name was not released for publication, for an additional 15 days.

The two join about 20 others — including reputed Tel Aviv drug boss Shmaya Angel — already in custody in connection with the killing of "Turkish Connection" gang

members Sheli and Nahmias in March 1981.

The police representative said Sheli was hidden in Levy's apartment prior to her murder and that the bank clerk was also in the flat at the time. The clerk, the court was told, had withheld information about the case from investigators.

Police believe Sheli and Nahmias were murdered a few days after the heroin courier they had recruited was apprehended at Ben-Gurion Airport. Investigators have said there is evidence linking Angel to the killings, purportedly carried out to prevent them from divulging the identities of other members of the gang he allegedly headed.

Shavuot to find scarcity of dairy goods

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The current shortage of cheeses and other milk products is expected to worsen by Shavuot, May 28, the holiday when dairy fare is traditionally eaten.

The shortage in certain parts of the country is attributed to low prices, thereby encouraging greater consumption while the farmer's production quotas have not been increased.

Yitzhak Landesman, managing director of Tuva, said the shortage has been developing during the past half year, each month by a few more percent points. He blamed the government's subsidy policy for encouraging greater consumption.

An official of the Strauss Dairy

added that the shortage might also be due to April being a holiday month, bringing about a drop in production on one hand and an increase in demand on the other. He also said the demand for dairy products in the central part of the country might be greater since the Huvitz family's United Dairies in Ramat Gan stopped production last month after having sold its Tenne Noga plant to Tuva.

This official added that even if dairy products are increased in price now by about 10 per cent, they will still be considerably underpriced and will not stop the present buying spree. Prices of dairy products went up by 10 per cent at midnight last night.

Landscape architects

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Zvi Miller of Haifa has been elected president of the International Federation of Landscape Architects.

Miller, a pioneer among Israeli landscape architects, has assisted several Third World countries in this field.

IFLA has member organizations in 45 countries.

BBC to broadcast

Israeli short story

A short story, *The Jaffa Crow*, by Tel Aviv resident Allen David, will be broadcast on the BBC World Service next Sunday at 3.30 p.m. Israel time. The story, based on an actual incident, can also be heard next Monday evening at 11.15, and on May 11 at 3.45 a.m.

Court delays sentence

of 2 student leaders

The Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday postponed the sentencing of former national student union chairmen Tzahi Hanegbi and Yisrael Katz, who were convicted earlier for their part in violent clashes between Arab and Jewish students two years ago at the Hebrew University.

J'lem burglary ring broken, \$5m. in goods recovered

By ISRAEL AMRANI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Jerusalem police squad has arrested members of a professional burglary ring which operated in Jerusalem for the past year. Stolen property worth about \$5 million was recovered, and police traced it to 60 burglaries reported during the past six months.

According to squad chief Fukad Amram Fhima, the 12-man ring employed a sophisticated network of burglars, information gatherers

and go-betweens. The ring was led by three brothers from Kiryat Hayovel, where many of the break-ins occurred — they had rented an empty house in Moshav Ora to serve as their base. They employed seven other thieves and two contact men who sold advance "orders" in East Jerusalem and the Galilee.

Fhima said that once an "order" was received, there would be a field survey and the appropriate time for the "hit" would be determined. Afterwards the stolen goods were hauled in one of three cars to its recipients or to storage.

The squad spent a great deal of time working with little bits of evidence. Fhima said they would learn the last two digits of a licence plate of one vehicle seen leaving the scene and wait a few weeks to learn the first two digits, until the vehicle was found.

Most break-ins, according to Fhima, occurred in the early morning hours. Stolen mostly were colour television sets, stereo systems and video recorders, but there were also insecticide spray cans, half-empty perfume bottles and toilet paper.

Avitan must serve remainder of term

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The district court yesterday rejected a petition by convicted bank robber Aharon Avitan asking that his parole be restored. He was recently sent back to prison after being arrested on suspicion of helping his brother, escaped convict Herzl Avitan, flee the country.

Aharon Avitan was sentenced in May 1979 to four years' imprisonment for his part in the robbery of a Ramat Aviv branch of Bank Leumi led by his brother Herzl and other accomplices. He was paroled this January, but was arrested in March and sent back to prison.

A police representative told the court that Aharon was found in possession of about \$160,000 worth of jewellery stolen from the Keren Or factory in Ramat Gan in January. Herzl is wanted for that robbery and the killing of a factory guard, in addition to the murder of Ramle detention centre warden Ronnie Nitzan last December.

The judges accepted police intelligence information regarding Aharon Avitan's involvement with his brother's escape to France and ruled that he had violated the terms of his parole.

The South African Zionist Federation are pleased to advise that the Winning Ticket Number for the Lippy Lipschitz Competition is 0208. Will the ticket holder please contact Robyn by May 15. Tel. 03-290131.

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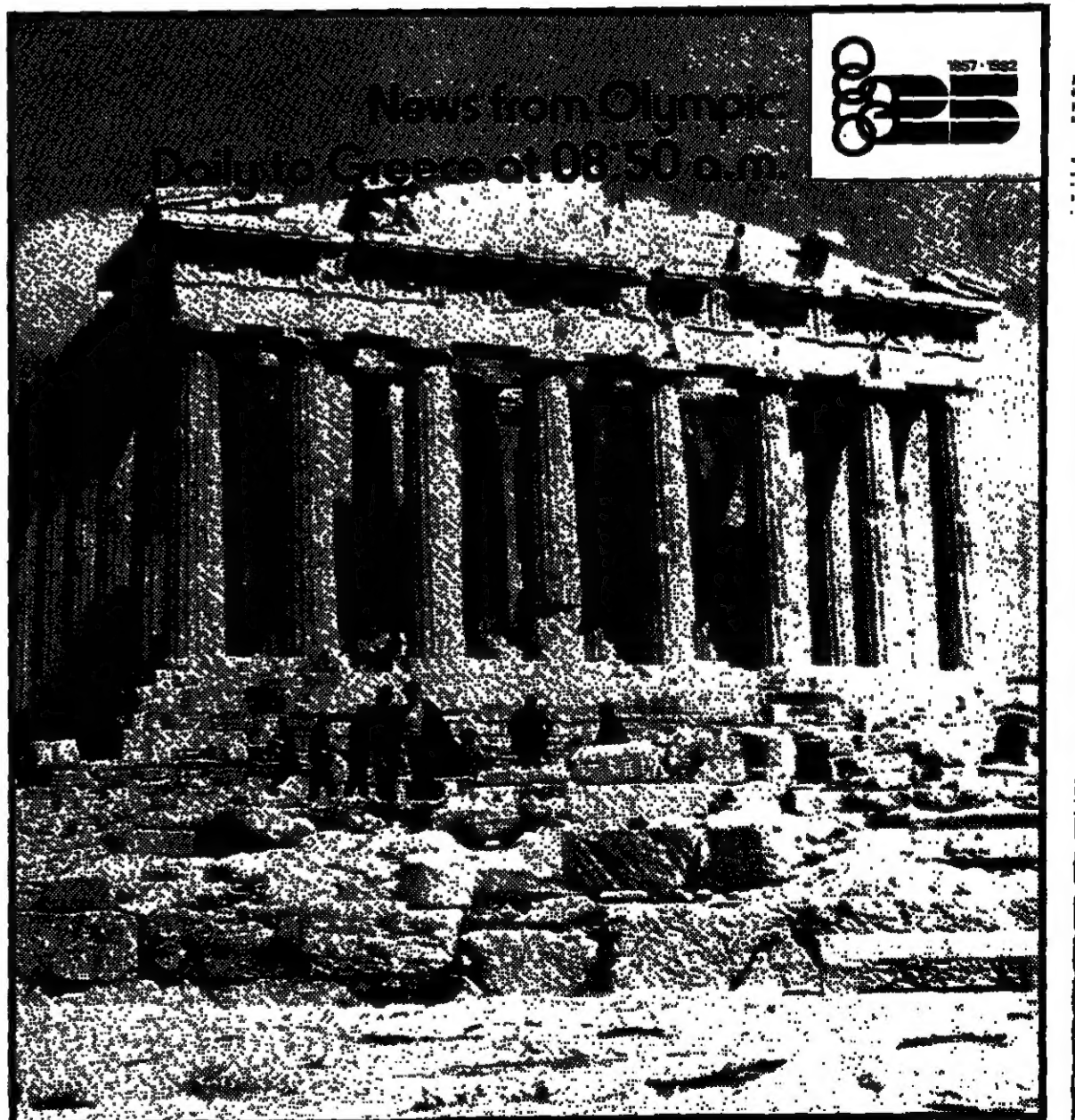
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A FEW YEARS ago, vegetables were cheap. Now they are expensive and likely to become even more costly from month to month. One can accept this situation or seek to change it and to ease the financial burden by growing vegetables at home.

Vegetable growing is not just a short-cut to cheaper meals. Working in the vegetable plot, out in the sun and fresh air, provides a welcome escape from the tensions of everyday life. It is refreshing for both mind and body. After half an hour of light work in the garden, you will feel completely relaxed. If you don't like the heat of the sun, you can do your garden work in the late afternoon or early evening. And let me hasten to add that you can grow vegetables even if your home doesn't come with a garden.

It is important for the amateur to know that anyone can succeed with vegetables, even the beginner gardener. Perhaps the best argument for making the effort is that home-grown vegetables taste better than anything you can get in the store.

First steps. If you are starting from scratch with a plot that has never been cultivated, you have to prepare the ground. Your first problem will probably be cleaning the ground surface, removing the bigger stones, roots and weeds.

Then you have to consider whether the plot is well drained. Let

a hose run water over the ground for 2-3 minutes. If the water disappears quickly, your drainage is o.k. If water remains on the surface after 2-3 minutes, you have to dig a drainage hole or trench, about 60-80 cm. deep at the lowest place in your garden, which should be filled with stones or gravel. The lack of good drainage can be disastrous, as a constant surplus of water in the ground may kill roots. Drainage is particularly important during winter with its long-lasting rains.

Once good drainage is an established fact, your next concern is providing the plot with a cover of farmyard manure. Spread it over the surface and dig it in. Just digging the ground, without adding the organic food that enriches the soil with humus, will result in meagre crops.

Farmyard manure is one of the best of all soil dressings. There is one thing you must remember about using it: it should be well-rotted before being dug in.

Cow manure is good for light soil, and horse manure for heavy ones. If farmyard manure is not readily available, you may use compost or even peat moss as a substitute.

Those eager gardeners who lack a garden can plant vegetables in large clay pots, tins or balcony boxes. Put your containers on a roof, balcony, patio or even a sunny window sill.

Vegetable investment

Make the most of your space. Every garden requires individual planning. In the small garden, the prime consideration is getting as many crops as possible from the small space. Naturally, then, you concentrate on those crops that take up little space, eliminating those that need room, like melons, squash and potatoes.

There are crops that can be grown quite successfully in a limited space and yield a bounteous harvest. Topping the list is a popular vegetable, tomatoes.

A well-tended tomato plant will produce several kilos of fruit in a single season. Tuvia Spector and Dr. Ya'acov Frumchenko, mentioned in an earlier column as the pioneers of tower gardening have succeeded in getting 110 kilos of tomatoes from a "garden" of 11 of their plastic units, each of which has four planting slots. Not as spectacular, but still worthwhile have been my tomato-growing efforts in medium-sized tins, placed in partial shade under old pines. Despite the shade, I got about two kilos of fruit from each plant.

Tower pots and plant food suitable for container growing should be available at local nurseries. Bone-meal, guano or "20-20-20" general fertilizer may be used. Or you may want to try a recent import, Oskomote, which provides all essential plant food elements in the form of small, coated grains with a slow-release action. One feeding with Oskomote lasts for about 10 months.

Sowing in May. Sow tomatoes

GARDENER'S CORNER
Walter Frankl



Beauty before the bounty: tomato flower buds (Nowitz)

directly into heavy and medium soil and thin out later. The same is true of radishes, kohlrabi, lettuce, celery and cucumbers. In larger gardens, sow melons, marrows and the creeping ground-cover of New Zealand spinach.

In protected nursery frames or seed boxes, you may now sow tomatoes, eggplants and peppers for transplanting June-July. Perhaps you can receive seedlings of these plants in the nightshade family or of others from friends or neighbours. Or you can buy them at nurseries. Another popular example is gamba. Plant just now.

In light (sandy) soil, you can sow okra (*banya* in Hebrew), sunflowers or sweet corn. If you have the space, sow sweet potatoes (*batata*). Many people in the plains add red soil to their sandy ground and thus are able to plant all the above-mentioned crops.

Don't miss out. The fair weather of May is a grand opportunity, and all you need is several shekels' worth of seed, plus a spade or garden fork, a rake, a cultivator and a watering can.

What do you know about mistletoe? John Gerard, the famous English physician and botanist, described this plant in his herbal of 1633: "The glue made from the misle (mistletoe), inwardly taken is mortal, hot and biting and bringeth most grievous accidents; the tongue is inflamed and swollen; the minde is disraughted the strength of the heart and wits faile..."

During a visit to the garden in the Israel Museum a few days ago, I

spotted many mistletoe plants on the top branches of olive trees. Later I also found some growing on olive trees in the vicinity of the Monastery of the Cross. Since this parasitic plant is a menace to many kinds of fruit and ornamental trees, I want to provide gardeners more particulars, to spare them the possible danger.

Mistletoe (*Viscum album*, *cruciatum*, *dabkon hassayit* in Hebrew) may be found on a wide range of deciduous and evergreen shrubs and trees. It is particularly common on olives, apples, plums, acacias and oaks. It is widespread in Europe and Asia.

A slightly woody evergreen with narrow, greenish-yellow leaves, mistletoe becomes an inseparable part of its host plant. Its small, insignificant-looking flowers, both male and female, open between February and April, the white, sticky berries ripen not earlier than the following December. During the autumn, birds try to fetch the berries, but the gluey fruit sap is so sticky that the seeds often become glued to a bird's bill. When he tries to get rid of this bothersome baggage by wetting and rubbing his bill on tree bark, he may actually "plant" sticky seeds in the wounds and crevices in the tree. There, with the help of occasional rains, they may germinate.

Mistletoe manufactures food and weakens a tree by sapping its moisture and nutrients. A tree can withstand a few mistletoe plants, but often it is damaged. Sometimes tree branches die under the influence of this unwanted guest, and thus the host tree is made vulnerable to a range of other pests and diseases. Initially mistletoe spreads slowly in newly infested

areas, but development is hastened as plants become larger and the amount of seed and bird carriers increases.

If amateur and municipal gardeners would eradicate mistletoe when it appears, it would not become a menace. It is important to remove mistletoe in spring or early summer — before it produces seed.

The best way to get rid of this parasite is to cut off all infested tree limbs every year. Make a clean cut about 30 cm. below the point of attachment. Treat the cut with black paint or wrap the area with a piece of black polyethylene and tie with a rubber band. Mistletoe cannot grow without light.

A dangerous caterpillar. Similar to the pine-spinner caterpillar, which sporadically appears in our forests, there is a mistletoe caterpillar, which may cause skin and eye irritations, resulting in inflammation and swelling. These symptoms have been found to be caused by minute barbed hairs, only about one-tenth of a millimetre in length, from the tufts on mistletoe caterpillars.

So when you see mistletoe growing in a forest, park or in a home garden, make people aware of this pest.

Mistletoe has been a sacred plant since ancient times. The druids of Gaul regarded it as the spirit of the oak tree, which they revered as a holy plant. In Scandinavian mythology, mistletoe was the plant with which the evil deity Loki was able to kill Balder, the sun god.

Mistletoe is perhaps best known as a traditional decoration at Christmas. It is a long-established custom that a girl caught under a sprig of mistletoe must allow herself to be kissed by whoever seizes the opportunity.

Overwhelming event

MUSIC

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, Leonard Bernstein, conductor; with Isaac Stern, violinist (Mam Auditorium, Tel Aviv, April 28). Stravinsky: *Serenade for String*; Prokofiev: *Concerto No. 1 in D Major for violin and orchestra*, Op. 19; Stravinsky: *The Rite of Spring*.

THE TASTE of audiences here has certainly changed, and so Bernstein's second programme of Stravinsky and Prokofiev was enthusiastically received.

Bernstein has not changed much. At the end of "The Rite," he seemed exhausted, but so were we, who had to experience the crushing event of what could perhaps be defined as one of the most instinctive and impulsive performances we have ever heard. Fundamental forces were freed, primordial spirits evoked in a performance that allowed for no respite. The huge conglomerates of sound, the ferocious clashing of dissonances, the polyrhythmic juxtaposition of signals from all over the stage, created truly enormous dimensions of music. Much has happened in "music" since "The Rite" was composed exactly 70 years ago, but this performance reaffirmed the work's status as one of the century's greatest masterpieces.

Though in general the musicians emerged unscathed from the ordeal, there was still room for improvement. Not all the solos appeared as accurate as they should. A more precise attack undoubtedly would have added further polish. About Stravinsky's famous bassoon opening statement played by first bassoonist Mordechai Rechtman, one must say something strange: it was much too beautiful and expressive in sound. What is needed is a hollow, disembodied sound.

What a blessing it was to have Prokofiev's lyrical violin concerto as a prelude to "The Rite's" brutality. Stern was at his best. The first movement was all introversion, beautifully controlled but at the same time penetrating deep into the patterns of meaning. The second movement, the scherzo, was brilliant, almost wild, evoking dancing shadows of visionary romanticism. Stern's performance integrated modernism and romanticism in a remarkable way. It was an outstanding performance, which will be long remembered.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

IRINA ZARITSKAYA, pianist. (Faudstet Auditorium, Tel Aviv University, April 26). Schumann: *Kinderzenen*, opus 15; Chopin: *Etudes*, opus 10, nos. 9 and 4; *Nocturne in C-sharp Minor*; *Mazurkas*, opus 24, no. 2 and opus 33, no. 2; *Ballade* no. 4.

DISCOVERING an important artist is an exhilarating experience, as

one's scepticism gradually, yet happily, gives way to the proof of creative excellence. Such was my experience at hearing Irina Zaritskaya. The pianist, who teaches at the Tel Aviv University Academy of Music and has won the top prize at the international Chopin contest in Warsaw, has been living in this country for close to 10 years. Incongruously, her concert appearances here have been most infrequent. This performance, however, left no doubts about Zaritskaya being a master of her art.

The strength of her pianism rests on her warm, radiant sound. Exquisitely shaded by the pedal, its range embraces the precious intimacy of the *Kinderzenen*, the crispness of a mazurka, the bravura of an etude, and the dramatic power of the ballade. Not once does it lose its singing substance, never becoming either harsh or insubstantial.

The pianist's interpretative ideas seem to highlight the unforced flow of music. For all the contrasts of her "fantastic programme," the approach remained free of affectation or exaggeration. Shunning opportunities for grandiloquence, Zaritskaya focused instead on the expressive meaning of each artistic element. And the resulting warmth of presentation made for natural, immediate communication.

The pearly fingerwork was unsalable in its perfection, but then one would expect as much from the winner of an international competition.

This programme, its stylistic one-sidedness notwithstanding, unambiguously showed that Irina Zaritskaya is a major asset to our musical life. She should be heard and enjoyed — often.

ELI KAREV.

ISSAC STERN has been named the first Honorary Fellow of the Rubin Academy of Music in Jerusalem. Michal Smoira-Cohen, the head of the academy, hopes to build up an assembly of the world's most illustrious musicians to support and advise the Jerusalem institution.

There is probably no better choice than Isaac Stern, whose life seems to be focused on Israel and, in particular, on Jerusalem, despite a demanding schedule of concerts, consultations, auditions of young talents and a multitude of other activities. Stern is also chairman of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation and chairs the board of the Jerusalem Music Centre. Apart from his artistic greatness, he is easily the most public-minded of artists and the most concerned Zionist among Jewish musicians. Y.B.

De Beers: The long-range outlook judged from the consumer market gives good reason for optimism

Extracts from Mr H.F. Oppenheimer's Statement on De Beers in 1981

The recession in the diamond industry which began in the middle of 1980 continued and deepened throughout 1981 and the end is not yet in sight. Sales by the Central Selling Organisation (CSO) fell, measured in Rand, by 42 per cent to R1 249 million and, measured in US Dollars, by 46 per cent to \$1 472 million and the Group's net profits, excluding its share of the retained profits of associates, fell by 46 per cent from R668 million to R364 million. Stocks of diamonds increased during the year by 870,000 carats to R1 403 million. Sales to the market this year have been running at higher levels in dollar terms than in the second half of last year, but a further increase in diamond stocks is anticipated during the year. In these circumstances the Board concluded with great regret that prudence required a reduction in the final dividend from 50 cents to 25 cents resulting in a total dividend distribution for the year of 50 cents (which was twice covered) as compared with 75 cents (covered 2.5 times) in 1980. The reduced dividend reflects both the continuance of the world recession and our determination to carry out our traditional stabilising role in the industry. I would add that the Company has arranged facilities with its bankers, made possible by the conservative dividend and sound investment policies of the past, which are ample for its requirements.

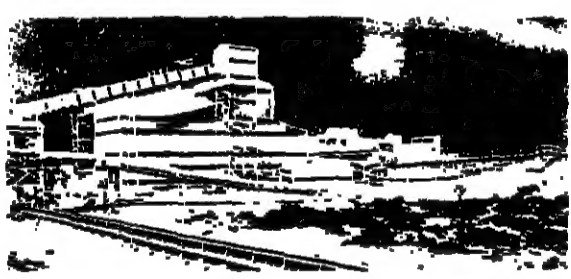
The fall off in the demand for diamonds is concentrated in the larger sizes and finer qualities including in particular the so-called investment goods in which speculation during the boom years was especially concentrated. These sizes and qualities normally account for a large proportion of the CSO's sales. Sales of the smaller sizes and lower qualities have generally speaking been satisfactory and the consumption of diamond jewellery particularly, though not exclusively, at the lower end of the market has continued throughout at a high and encouraging level. The market for the rare and more expensive items of jewellery is adversely affected to a much greater extent than the rest of the market by the unprecedented levels of interest rates particularly in America. In previous statements I drew attention to the obvious dangers of speculation in the cutting centres at premium prices and on this account the recession in the diamond industry started sooner and is perhaps deeper than the world economic recession as a whole.

This speculation was largely financed by bank credits and it is satisfactory to see that by now largely on account of our policy of withholding diamonds from sale when the market is weak, the level of bank credit in the leading cutting centres has been substantially reduced, in some cases by as much as 50 per cent, and is now generally speaking at a reasonable level. This reduction strongly suggests that the special reasons which existed for the recession in the diamond industry are a fair way to being overcome and that the continuation of a low level of sales reflects adverse economic conditions in general to a greater extent than circumstances peculiar to the diamond industry. We cannot expect prosperous conditions in our industry at a time of world depression and in particular while interest rates remain at their present high level. However, any improvement in the world economy and in particular in business conditions in the United States should be rapidly reflected in the diamond industry.

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In November of last year the CSO, in order to lay a sound basis for recovery as soon as general business conditions improve, made important modifications in the manner of presentation of diamonds to the market. The sales assortments were altered so as to allow our customers to fit their purchases more accurately to their individual requirements in the new market conditions. It is essential for any trading organisation to be alive and sensitive to changing needs and conditions and we are satisfied that the new selling arrangements we have introduced will help to preserve the value of diamonds and to protect the stability of the trade. The state of the market for those diamonds which are bought wholly or partly for investment is a matter of considerable significance, mainly from a psychological point of view since they have never made up a large proportion of the world-wide trade in polished diamonds. Diamonds have proved good investments over the years so long as they have been bought at prices which bear a reasonable relationship to the level of rough diamond prices maintained and

protected by the activities of the CSO. However, diamonds bought at high premium prices in times of speculative boom are obviously not likely to prove good investments. During the boom the prices of the so-called investment diamonds rose out of all control and at one time the price of top colour flawless brilliants of one carat weight which had acquired a quite unreasonable importance as a market leader and indicator rose to about \$65 000, a figure which had no relation whatever either to the cost of the rough from which such stones are manufactured or to the price which they could even in good times be expected to command as an item of jewellery. This particular description — the "1 carat, B-flawless brilliant" — is only one of many classifications of polished diamonds of which minimal quantities are



The treatment plant at the Jwaneng mine in southern Botswana. Jwaneng is probably the most important Kimberlite pipe discovered anywhere in the world since the original discoveries at Kimberley more than a century ago.

produced each year. The prices currently quoted for this particular article (and there must be some question as to the number of transactions actually concluded) are low in relation to the corresponding prices of rough. This would certainly suggest that although demand at the investment end of the market remains very restricted a sound psychological basis has been established for a resumption of growth in overall sales of rough diamonds as soon as economic conditions improve. We are making every effort in the difficult times through which we are passing to contain working costs and reduce capital expenditure at the mines of the Group. Group production for 1982, excluding Jwaneng, has been further reduced and is estimated to amount to 13 794 000 carats as compared with 15 438 000 carats in 1981.

We have thought it right, while making every effort to avoid waste, to make a significant increase in our expenditure on promotion and advertising and here there will be increased emphasis on the marketing of the larger, better quality diamonds. It is satisfactory to be able to report that consumers are continuing to react as favourably as ever to diamonds and to the traditions associated with them. It is estimated for example that in 1981 some 70 per cent of all first-time brides in America acquired a diamond engagement ring, and the ownership of diamonds by American women in general has been rising steadily to the extent that last year more than one in ten acquired a new piece of diamond jewellery. We are actively opening new consumer segments such as men's diamond jewellery. In the other leading markets, Japan and Germany, the corresponding figures have been rising towards the levels in the United States and the use of diamonds has also been increasing satisfactorily in the other European countries, in South East Asia and also in Latin America. Generally speaking, therefore, the long-range outlook judged from the consumer market gives good reason for optimism.

The Jwaneng mine in southern Botswana, owned in partnership with the Government, was commissioned in January of this year and is due to reach its initial rated capacity of 4.8 million tons per annum during the second half of the year. Commercial production is due to start in June. It is probable that the recovery grade at Jwaneng will be higher than that at any other mine of the Group and the diamonds produced will be of medium quality. Jwaneng is probably the most important Kimberlite pipe discovered anywhere in the world since the original discoveries at Kimberley more than a century ago.

In the course of the year our long-standing agreement for the marketing of the production of the Mila mine in Zaire was terminated by the Government of that country. We naturally very much regret this development but its importance can easily be overestimated. Mila production has decreased over some years and the prices obtained by the mine have recently declined with the result that the total realised value of this production is now under \$45 million per annum. While this is a significant figure it does not make up an important percentage of world diamond production.

The important discovery recently made in Western Australia by the Ashton Joint Venture (AJV) — the Argyle mine — will produce very large quantities of diamonds similar in quality to those produced in Zaire. Argyle will be a very big mine indeed with the highest recovery grade anywhere in the world. A major part of its production will consist of so-called "near gem" qualities and "industrial", and when the mine reaches full production its output of these qualities will make up more than half of the total produced in the world. Argyle's output of gem qualities, while significant, will amount to only a comparatively small proportion of world production. Production on a moderate scale from the gravels surrounding the mine is due to start in the second half of this year and production from the mine itself will probably begin in about three years' time. An agreement has been reached in principle between the CSO and the major partners in AJV in regard to the marketing of this potentially large and unusual production. It is intended that subject to AJV's right to extract diamonds on an agreed basis for the purpose of establishing their own cutting factory in Australia, the CSO should market the Argyle gem production on an exclusive basis and that the "near gem" and industrial qualities should be marketed as to 75 per cent through the CSO and as to 25 per cent by the AJV directly, in recognition of its special position in this sector of the market. Details of an agreement along these lines are at present in the course of negotiation.

In spite of depressed conditions we are continuing prospecting activities on a large scale on the African continent and elsewhere, particularly in Australia and South America. The cluster of pipes on the farm Venetia in the Northern Transvaal are being sampled through surface trenches and shafts and the ground treated in a heavy media separation plant. Much work remains to be done before a definite valuation of these deposits can be made. In South West Africa/Namibia prospecting inland along the Orange River has given very encouraging results.

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Our investments outside the diamond industry were valued at the year-end at just over R3 000 million. Two important changes have been made in their composition: in the course of last year we exchanged our holdings in Consolidated Gold Fields (Congold) and in Anglo American Corporation of Canada (Amcan) for additional shares in Minerals and Resources Corporation (Minorco). This was part of a reorganisation by which Anglo American Corporation of South Africa similarly exchanged its Congold and Amcan holdings and also its 36 per cent interest in Charter Consolidated for new Minorco shares. The effect has been substantially to enlarge and strengthen Minorco and to put it in a better position to expand its business. Our interest in the enlarged Minorco amounts to 23 per cent. In January of this year De Beers Industrial Corporation (Debinco) was merged with Anglo American Industrial Corporation (Amic) and our interest in the combined company amounts to 25 per cent. The enlarged Amic is a powerful and well diversified industrial group with total assets of about R2 700 million. Through this reconstruction we have acquired an improved growth and earnings potential in the industrial sector together with a wider spread of interests.

The year has been an exceptionally difficult one — indeed we have not gone through such hard times since I entered the business fifty years ago during the depression of the 30s. The structure of the trade built since then is, however, standing up firmly to this severe test. Our problems are no longer specific to the diamond industry but are world wide in nature. We are well equipped to see through what may yet remain to be faced of this time of depression and to take full advantage of better economic conditions when they return.

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Call to set personal example to citizenry Sharir asks MKs, ministers to vacation inside Israel

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A special campaign to promote domestic tourism, including reduced package tours, fairs and festivals in resort towns, has been launched by the Tourism Ministry.

Held under the slogan "This year be a tourist in your own country," the summer-long campaign is intended to raise the public's awareness of the many tourism options available at home.

Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir sent personal letters to all fellow ministers and to Knesset members, asking them not only to vacation in Israel, but to publicize the fact and encourage other citizens to do the same.

Hotels in Tel Aviv will offer

reductions of up to 50 per cent and provide guests with reduced-price coupons for artistic and entertainment events in the city. Hotels in resort towns will offer 15 to 30 per cent discounts.

Netanya and Tiberias will hold festivals, parades, fairs, and beauty contests. Eilat will offer reduced package tours, including hotel stays, flights, public transport and car rental service to the surrounding area.

Visitors to Safad are offered hotel reductions, guided tours, an art fair and dance shows during four days following Lag Ba'Omer. Arad has reductions on hotel stays and discounts on admission to the town's only cinema.

The Kibbutz Guesthouse Organization also offers large reductions.

West Germany foresees 2 million jobless

BONN (AP). — West Germany will have around 2 million unemployed people by year's end and experience only slow recovery from the current recession, the country's five leading economics institutes forecast yesterday.

Presenting their annual spring economic prognosis, the institutes said the jobless rate — currently about 7.5 per cent of the working population — would average 1.8 million for the year but hover around 2 million by year's end.

In 1981, the average unemployment rate was 5.4 per cent. A widely predicted recovery in autumn would not be sufficient to bring down unemployment, the institutes said.

They predicted a growth rate of only half a per cent in Gross National Product for 1982, but forecast that inflation, while averaging 4.5 per cent over the year, would come down to about 4 per cent by year's end.

Atarot to become int'l airport

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Airports Authority Council yesterday approved Transport Minister Haim Corfu's proposal that the Atarot Airport in Jerusalem be converted to international use.

Plans call for extension of the airport's landing strip from 1,960 to 2,600 metres, at a cost of \$8 million.

At a meeting of the council, Corfu said that it was high time that the capital had its own international airport. This would increase Jerusalem's share of the tourists arriving in the country and benefit the city's economy.

He said that the additional flights would not constitute an ecological hazard.

The Jerusalem Post learns that because various countries consider Atarot to be in occupied territory, and are thus opposed to flights landing or taking off from there, the flights from abroad will stop at Ben-Gurion airport, so that the rest of the trip will be considered an inland flight.

The current law dates from 1935 Call to update Food Law

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An urgent appeal for the passing of a Food Law was made Sunday by food technologists participating in a study day on regulations and standards in the food industry. The study day was organized by the Engineers and Architects Association.

The present regulations are those enacted by the British in 1935, and do not take into consideration all the progress made by science and industry during the past 50 years. Ziva Patir, chief standardization officer at the Standards Institute, told The Jerusalem Post that the Public Health Law, which was passed in 1935 has not been revised since then. "The only thing that has been done recently was to translate it from the original English into Hebrew, so now the law carries the date of 1982, as though it was a brand new law." To illustrate her point she quoted the law to the effect that fish can only be imported from Kantara, and that it is lawful to sell camel meat.

Patir also said that the Food

Label Law, which she helped to draw up together with government officials, is ready now and should go into force in a matter of months. According to this new law, food manufacturers will have to state on their label the date of production and how long the product will remain edible. This rule applies to products with a shelf life up to 60 days. If the shelf life is over 60 days and up to one year, the manufacturer may choose between putting on the label the date of production or the latest date on which the product can be used. Items with a shelf life of one year or more need to be marked only with a code number.

Dr. Israel Saguy, chairman of the Israel Society of Nutritional Science, called for closer contact between all parties involved in the food industry. He said that when all sides take part in formulating the law, it is later much easier to enforce the regulations. He emphasized that since it is notoriously difficult to enforce food laws, it is important to have the cooperation of manufacturers in drawing up the rules.

Diamond merchants discuss their plight at Grossinger's

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An Israeli delegation is leaving today for the U.S. to participate in the 21st International Diamond Congress, held at Grossinger's, the well-known upstate New York resort hotel.

The diamond industry worldwide is in the throes of a recession and last year Israel's diamond exports declined by some 24 per cent.

One of the main subjects to be discussed at the congress is the relationship between the industry and the De Beers "Syndicate," the marketing arm for unpolished diamonds. The massive dumping on the part of the Russians, estimated to amount to 20-25 per cent of world output, will also come under scrutiny. Russia acts independently and outside of the scope of the "Syndicate."

Israeli sources point out that among the continuing problems are the large stockpiles of unpolished and polished stones, which according to De Beers stood at \$8 billion at the beginning of 1981. At

that time stocks of gold and silver jewelry containing diamonds stood at more than twice the value of the unpolished stones.

At present only small stones, primarily those polished in India, are finding a ready market. In an effort to improve its position as a supplier of all sizes of polished diamonds, Israel has rescinded the need for an import licence for small polished stones. The one per cent import duty has also been cancelled. It is hoped that by this step the local industry will be able to diversify the collections it offers to visiting buyers.

Arab loan to Sudan

ABU DHABI, (Reuters). — The Arab Monetary Fund yesterday extended a \$12 million three-year loan to the Sudan to meet a budget deficit, the fund said. The credit carries an annual interest of between 3.37 and 4.75 per cent. The Sudan had previously obtained six loans, totalling \$62m, from the fund.

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Condition as at December 31, 1981

1980	1981	1980	1981
28,183,323	72,772,309	1,213,901	3,475,724
4,302,515	11,140,270	19,707	5,314
12,161,804	29,120,104	135,571	269,869
16,325,039	32,526,928	1,369,179	3,750,907
328,598	897,300		
351,436	689,123	227,465	800,617
		9,211	434,583
		236,676	1,235,194
		271,403	1,325,320
		43,993,462	109,873,329
		6,607,722	10,260,306
		8,645,879	19,768,077
		528,394	932,901
2,561,979	5,061,865	2,561,979	5,061,865
64,214,694	152,207,899	64,214,694	152,207,899

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income for the Year Ended December 31

1980	1981
815,702	1,558,222
398,368	498,356
417,334	1,059,866
169,566	470,513
588,900	1,530,179
(32,077)	9,814
554,823	1,539,993
92,852	252,931
461,998	1,287,062
1.5	4.11
1.73	1.88

The complete financial statements are available for public inspection at the offices of the company.



WHAT'S ON

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Jerusalem
Museums: Israel Museum. Exhibitions: Permanent Collection of Judaica, Art and Archaeology: A Glimpse into the Past, Tembach Collection, objects from the ancient Near East: Reality/illusion, children's exhibition dealing with visual illusions in culture and art; Towers of Spice, the tower shaped tradition in Havdalah spiceboxes; Metaphors and Allegories, Superstition Firenze: Art for Humour's Sake, humour in contemporary art; Opening Exhibition: Old Gods and Young Heroes, collection of Maya ceramics (opens 4.5); Special Exhibit: Toys and Games of the Ancient World (Rockefeller); Special Exhibit: Colour (Paley Centre, next to Rockefeller); Special Exhibit: Adornment of a Jewish Bride (tradition of Herta, Afghanistan); Special Exhibit: Gifts to Elihu Dobkin Ancient Glass Pavilion; Special Exhibit: Throne Legs Carved in Bronze, from Samarra 6th-8th cen. BCE; Special Exhibit: New Shovel Coins and Ancient Jewish Prototype; Special Exhibit: Ezra Orion: Sculpture in the Himalayas, photographic documentation (opens 4.5); Special Exhibit: Israel Museum Awards 1982 (opens 4.5).

Visiting Hours: Main Museum 4-10. Shrine of the Book 10-10. At 4.30: Guided tour in English. 4-8: Recycling Workshop, Mini-Exhibition in Patchwork at Youth Wing. 6 and 8.30: "The Last Remake of Beau Geste," film.

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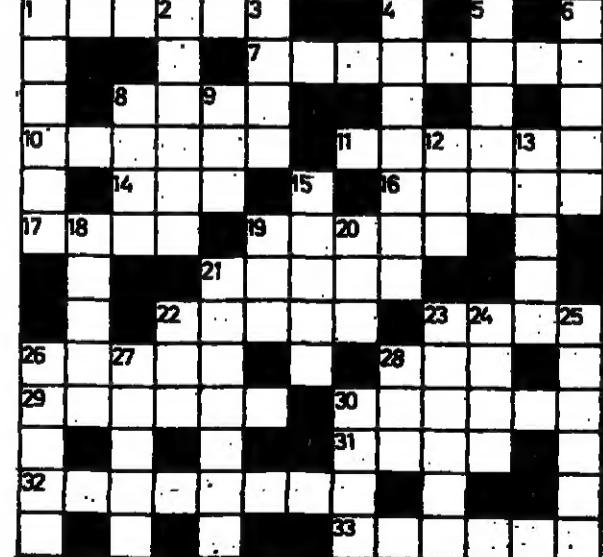
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CRYPTIC PUZZLE ACROSS
Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.

- 1 Flying vessel? (6)
- 2 Belonging to the links, naturally (2, 6)
- 3 Prepare railway points? (4)
- 4 The attractions of church members (6)
- 5 Sailor made to go away (6)
- 6 An about turn, we hear, but not for me (3)
- 7 Punishment for some surliness? (5)
- 8 Rotten shade of red? (4)
- 9 Managed to catch the name (5)
- 10 Where many love different ways of sailing (5)
- 11 Wood in the form of a slab (5)
- 12 Majestic piece of humour? (4)
- 13 Discover that sailors are attached to the land? (5)
- 14 For each piece of paper (3)
- 15 Source of the music within us? (6)
- 16 Violin piece provided by pussy? (6)
- 17 A London symphony orchestra, too (4)
- 18 The role of a monarch (4, 4)
- 19 Interfere with a packer? (6)



EASY PUZZLE ACROSS

- 1 Digit (6)
- 2 Pronouncing (8)
- 3 Small particles (4)
- 4 Escapes (6)
- 5 Clergyman (6)
- 6 Get older (3)
- 7 Confused uproar (5)
- 8 Story (4)
- 9 Talked hysterically (5)
- 10 Manages (5)
- 11 Hail (5)
- 12 Flat (4)
- 13 Drunken bout (5)
- 14 Single figure (3)
- 15 Rock (6)
- 16 Painter, perhaps (6)
- 17 Thin (4)
- 18 Withdraws (8)
- 19 Reworks (6)

DOWN

- 1 Large wood (6)
- 2 Ill-will (6)
- 3 Grooves (4)
- 4 Takes up again (7)
- 5 Competitor (5)
- 6 Concur (5)
- 7 Twofold (4)
- 8 Perceive (3)
- 9 Colour (3)
- 10 Red Indian shelter (5)
- 11 Journal (5)
- 12 Wide open (5)
- 13 Fish eggs (3)
- 14 Animal doctor (3)
- 15 Climbing plant (7)
- 16 Obtain (3)
- 17 Necessitate (6)
- 18 Blood-vessel (4)
- 19 Jotting down (6)
- 20 Severe (5)
- 21 Tears (5)
- 22 Mineral (3)
- 23 Too (4)

- 12 Is he on the short side? (3)
- 13 On antiques, Arthur can give us the gen (5)
- 14 Points a female out as "divine" (5)
- 15 Like a crust that's not enough for supper (5)
- 16 Pass for an officer (3)
- 17 It can also be eaten with nuts (3)
- 18 The way careful types open tins? (7)
- 19 Something to wear in Brazil (3)
- 20 That jettisoned from a plane by uncle? (6)
- 21 Therefore, Reg gets upset over nothing (4)
- 22 Stagger like old Step-toe? (6)
- 23 Seems to have beauty (5)
- 24 One man with news to sell, perhaps (5)
- 25 Friend who ate with taste? (3)
- 26 Carry up some track (4)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution
ACROSS. — 1. Staff, 6. State, 9. Rainbow, 10. Grail, 11. Mire, 12. He-lan, 13. Fighter, 15. GI-E, 17. Suit, 18. Swamp, 19. C-rate, 20. Desert, 22. Rosa (rev.), 24. Sig, 25. Cr-elt-y, 26. Am-p-le, 27. Got up, 28. P-earl, 29. Rota-Ted, 30. Awwa, 31. Peter.

DOWN. — 1. Tur-p-l-a, 3. F-right, 4. Fan, 5. Under, 6. Some-one, 7. Twin, 8. Tur-lap, 12. Heart, 13. Fur-da, 14. Cipe-y, 15. Go-go-L, 16. Essay, 18. Store, 19. Cramp-on, 21. Elbow, 22. Re-cede, 23. Star-V-a, 25. Clear, 26. Aura, 28. Pep.

Yesterday's Easy Solution
ACROSS. — 1. Pitch, 6. Catch, 9. Auditor, 10. Space, 11. Acute, 12. B ch, 13. Acclaim, 15. Ale, 17. Syc, 18. Peeled, 19. Board, 20. C-in, 22. Reef, 24. Tie, 25. Remarry, 26. Stein, 27. Spate, 28. A-h, 29. Arrears, 30. Reign, 31. Chasm.

DOWN. — 2. Impact, 3. Cackle, 4. Hue, 5. Minim, 6. Coached, 7. ch, 8. Cattle, 12. Bison, 13. Ascot, 14. Cynic, 15. Alder, 16. Ed y, 18. Preen, 19. Blither, 21. Ripple, 22. Radish, 23. Erevis, 27. River, 28. Stag, 28. Arc.

Solutions to today's puzzle tomorrow

Dead Sea Works in \$88m. expansion

Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Dead Sea Works, one of the world's major suppliers of potash, has announced that it is launching an \$88 million expansion project. During fiscal 1981-82 the company reached a production peak of 1.5 million tons of potash. Approximately six months ago it completed the first phase of its expansion programme, which added 420,000 tons to its productive capacity, at a cost of \$93.5m.

The second stage of the expansion plan, just approved, calls for the following investments: \$33.5m. for a raw material factory; \$37.7m. for production facilities; \$35m. for expansion of existing facilities; and \$13.5m. for infrastructure, storage facilities and means of transportation.

On completion of the expansion, 480,000 tons will be added to the company's annual production. By 1985-86 the Dead Sea Works will reach a total capacity of 2.1 million tons.

In-plant training for vocational pupils

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Education Ministry and the Manufacturers Association have decided to expand the programme in which vocational school pupils gain practical experience working in industrial plants.

This was decided in the light of the positive results obtained in a study of the programme, started three years ago, which has so far encompassed 13 schools and 15 plants.

The head of vocational education in the ministry said that it is now the ministry's policy to grant pupils their diplomas only after they have gained on-the-job experience during the period of their studies.

The manufacturers, who in the past had criticized the ministry's vocational schools for not giving their pupils adequate practical experience, have welcomed the intention to expand the programme.

The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs has also favoured more practical experience in vocational training.

The programme, for 12th-graders, requires them to work two or three days a week in an industrial plant instead of the time previously spent in school workshops. They are paid standard rates for apprentices.

The work in the plants enables them to acquire work habits and gain experience with advanced machinery that is usually not available in the schools.

New Egyptian airline on Cairo-B-G route

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — A new Egyptian airline, Air Sinai, began flying here yesterday, replacing the defunct Nefertiti airline.

Air Sinai is operating the Boeing 707 that Nefertiti flew on lease from the U.S. but in contrast with Nefertiti, which put no markings on its aircraft, Air Sinai's name appears in blue, in English and Arabic, and the Egyptian flag is painted on its silver fuselage.

The tail bears the company's emblem — Sinai's brown mountains and blue sea and an aircraft flying over it all.

China taxes plants that prefer oil to coal

PEKING (Reuters). — China yesterday announced a tax on factories which burn oil, domestic production of which is stagnant, in order to encourage them to use coal.

The New China News Agency (NCNA) said many factories found it cheaper to burn oil than coal, even though China's coal reserves are among the biggest in the world.

Attempts to conserve oil had met with little success, it added. In 1980 China aimed to save 4.19 million tons of oil by switching boilers and kilns over to coal, but in fact saved only 2.57 million tons.

Marine inspectors' sanctions delay ship

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The marine inspectors of the Transport Ministry's shipping and harbour division began sanctions Sunday to press their demand for a pension arrangement. Their claim has been pending for five years, and the Marine Officers Union declared an official labour dispute nine months ago.

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By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv Festival was formally opened this week by Mayor Shlomo Lahat. However, followers of the local investment scene will agree that the real spring festival is taking place at the stock exchange on Allenby Street.

Yesterday's performance at the exchange rivalled anything that the city fathers could possibly conjure up at their festival. A full 17 issues were "buyers only," while no fewer than 69 securities romped ahead by 5% or "better." In many cases the "better" implied gains of 10% or more.

Little attention was given to the commercial bank shares as the "free stocks" were the focus of speculative interest. Bank Hapoalim's little-held preferred

Spring festival on Allenby St.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

stock, however, rose by a spectacular margin of over 19%.

Among specialized financial institutions Shilton and Agricultural

Bank shares were 10% gainers. Zur (b), among insurance stocks led a rising sector. However, Ararat 0.1 was clipped for a 10% loss, the only insurance stock to decline.

Cold Storage equities were 10% ahead, while Lighterage shares were all on the "buyers only" list.

Africa-Israel and Ispro were up

by 10% in a fast-rising land development and real estate sector.

Among industrials Argaman (b) was in good form and moved ahead by 10%. Ata B was up by 10%, while the Ala C shares were "buyers only." Molett came through with a 10% gain. Galil industries 1.0 shares were 9.3% to the good. The Galil 3.0 shares did even better, with a 13% jump. Rumours about a major expansion into the high-technology field by Galil have been circulating at exchange.

Company	Price	Change	%	Company	Price
Commercial Banks & Bankholding					
IDB prf	22150	+150	+7	Otz. Latassiya b	1005
IDB r	1822	+236.3	+90	Ind Dev prf A	4459
IDB B r	1822	+27.1	+30	Agriculture prf A	3421
IDB prf A	3940	4.4	n.c.	Ind Dev prf r	332
IDB op 8	4995	11.0	+70	Cial Lease 0.1 r	532
IDB op 7	4730	21.0	+75	Cial Lease 0.5 r	350
IDB op 9	3580	56.5	+45	Cial Lease op B	370
IDB op 10	4200	131.4	+100	Cial Lease ac 1	143.5
Union r	d1335	346.1	+6	+4	
Union n div	—	—	—		
Union op 3 r	4865	.5	n.c.		
Union op 4 r	2400	2.5	n.c.		
Union op 6	3801	2.9	n.c.		
Union op 7	1580	33.9	+4		
Union wds r	1386	2.7	n.c.		
Discount r	2416	98.4	+15		
Discount A r	2416	14.0	+15		
Discount op 1	2145	37.3	+40		
Discount A ac r	2358	9.3	+36		
Discount B	141.0	1735.5	+3.0		
Mitrabi r	2324	443.2	+1.0		
Mitrabi b	2324	92.0	+1.0		
Mitrabi op 2 r	—	—	—		
Mitrabi op 3	5451	1.0	+10		
Mitrabi op 8	2736	18.9	n.c.		
Mitrabi op 10	1375	28.5	+30		
Mitrabi ac 4 r	3075	.5	n.c.		
Mitrabi ac 5 r	1373	7.7	n.c.		
Mitrabi ac 6 r	2750	2.7	n.c.		
Mitrabi ac 7 r	2330	4.0	+1.0		
Mitrabi ac 8 r	144.0	128.0	+1.0		
Maritime 0.1 r	1803	3.023.7	+4.0		
Maritime op 12	1346	1.505	+10		
Maritime op 1	1423	327.0	—143		
Hapoalim prf b	d2800	10.1	+48		
Hapoalim r	d1369	2172.6	+7		
Hapoalim 50% div	—	—	—		
Hapoalim op 4 r	d1568	159.9	+6		
Hapoalim op 5 r	d1081	1.3	+80		
Hapoalim op 6 r	9230	1.1	+38		
Hapoalim op 7 r	5280	7.4	+25		
Hapoalim op 12	2475	13.5	n.c.		
Hapoalim op 13	2280	58.2	+30		
Hapoalim ac 6 r	3500	.5	+20		
Hapoalim ac 8 r	2460	14.5	+30		
General A	2432	58.0	+40		
General op 6	4550	1.2	+140		
General ac 4 r	3038	14.3	+30		
General ac 5 r	704	16.1	—		
Leumi	2345	2139.9	+7		
Leumi n div	2340	22.6	+7		
Leumi op 2 r	4385	17.0	+15		
Leumi op 4 r	1220	304.8	+20		
Leumi op 12	3350	6.0	+2		
Leumi ac 8 r	500	42.0	n.c.		
Leumi ac 11	161.5	532.2	+1.5		
Leumi ac 12	2770	13.7	+40		
OHR r	2901	5.4	+100		
OHR b	—	—	—		
Danot 1.0	—	—	—		
Danot 5.0	—	—	—		
Danot op 1	—	—	—		
Danot op 2	—	—	—		
FIBI ac 1 r	6090	30.0	n.c.		
FBI r	905	949.3	+12		
Mortgage Banks					
Gen Mitr b	1210	182.7	n.c.		
Gen Mitr b	1210	20.0	n.c.		
Gen Mitr op 117	1704	27.7	n.c.		
Gen Mitr op 129	1240	36.2	n.c.		
Gen Mitr db 118	920	22.0	n.c.		
Carmel	671	113.4	+51		
Carmel b	1170	8.3	—40		
Carmel op A	1221	b.o.2	+105		
Carmel op B	738	b.o.1	+41		
Binayn r	1818	68.1	+10		
Dev & Mitr b	580	276.1	+10		
Dev & Mitr op 85	575	29.3	n.c.		
Mishkan r	1120	16.9	+40		
Mishkan b	2235	34.7	+10		
Independence	2235	2.0	+10		
Tefafot prf b	3015	1.1	+10		
Tefafot prf r	3000	—	—		
Tefafot r	2155	45.0	+135		
Tefafot b	2205	1	n.c.		
Tefafot op A	1730	59.5	+10		
Tefafot deb 1	153.5	1,261.1	+11		
Merav	300	358.1	+4		
Merav op	3350	.5	+50		
Merav op 2	2000	4.5	+10		
Financing Institutions					
Shilton	34	b.o.3	+11		
Shilton b	425	48.7	+40		
Shilton op B	682	b.o.1	+37		
Shilton op 5	244	b.o.2	+21		
Shilton op 6	163.0	174.5	+22.0		
Shilton ac 1 r	328	24.2	+44		
Shilton ac 2 r	305	b.o.3	+3		
Otz. Latassiya r	595	20.0	—3		
Otz. Latassiya b	—	—	—		
Agriculture prf A	—	—	—		
Ind Dev prf r	—	—	—		
Cial Lease 0.1 r	—	—	—		
Cial Lease 0.5 r	—	—	—		
Cial Lease op B	—	—	—		
Cial Lease ac 1	—	—	—		
Insurance					
Aryeh r	—	—	—		
Aryeh op 3 r	—	—	—		
Aryeh 0.1 r	—	—	—		
Aryeh 0.5 r	—	—	—		
Reinsurance 0.1 r	—	—	—		
Reinsurance 0.5 r	—	—	—		
Hadar 1.0	—	—	—		
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Hanneh b	—	—	—		
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Phoenix 0.1 r	—	—	—		
Phoenix 0.5 r	—	—	—		
Yardenia 0.1 r	—	—	—		
Yardenia 0.5 r	—	—	—		
Yardenia op 1	—	—	—		
Sahar r	—	—	—		
Sahar b	—	—	—		
Securitas r	—	—	—		
Securitas op 2	—	—	—		
Zur r	—	—	—		
Zur b	—	—	—		
Zur op 1	—	—	—		
Zion Hold. 1.0	—	—	—		
Zion Hold. 5.0	—	—	—		
Commercial Services					
Delek r	—	—	—		
Delek b	—	—	—		
Delek db 2	—	—	—		
Harel	—	—	—		
Oil Stores 0.1 r	—	—	—		
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Lighterage 0.1	—	—	—		
Lighterage 0.5 r	—	—	—		
Lighterage db 1	—	—	—		
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Consort op	—	—	—		
Rapac 0.1 r	—	—	—		
Rapac 0.5 r	—	—	—		
Rapac op 2	—	—	—		
Supersol A	—	—	—		
Supersol B	—	—	—		
Land Development Bu					
Oren	—	—	—		
Oren op 1	—	—	—		
Azorim r	—	—	—		
Azorim op C	—	—	—		
Azorim db 1	—	—	—		
Azorim db 2	—	—	—		
Africa Ir 0.1 r	—	—	—		
Africa Ir 1.0 r	—	—	—		
Africa op 2	—	—	—		
Arlidan 0.1	—	—	—		
Arlidan 0.5	—	—	—		
Arlidan op 1	—	—	—		
Darad	—	—	—		
Darad op 1	—	—	—		
ILDC r	—	—	—		
ILDC b	—	—	—		
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ILDC db 4 r	—	—	—		
HLB Realty 0.1 r	—	—	—		
HLB Realty 0.5 r	—	—	—		
HLB Realty op 1	—	—	—		
Sole Bondh prf A	—	—	—		
Modul Beton	—	—	—		
Prop & Bldg r	—	—	—		
Prop & Bldg C	—	—	—		
Prop & Bldg db 5	—	—	—		
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Bayside 0.5 r	—	—	—		
Iapre r	—	—	—		
Iapre op 3	—	—	—		
Iaras r	—	—	—		
Iaras op 1	—	—	—		
Chen Dev. op 1	—	—	—		
Mehadrin r	—	—	—		
ICP r	—	—	—		
Net Aviv	—	—	—		
Cassara 0.1	—	—	—		
Cassara 0.5	—	—	—		

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Arms and politics

INURED as they are to disputes over territory, Israelis have tended to view the Falklands conflict through the prism of the national experience.

Since it is Argentina that is taken to be the aggressor in the South Atlantic, this country has largely identified itself with the defender of the territorial status quo, Great Britain. Starting from this premise, Premier Begin has suggested that, considering its position on the Falklands, Britain should be more understanding towards Israel than it is.

Some critics at home have questioned the logic of this argument, claiming that Mr. Begin's own territorial policy puts Israel in the same league with Argentina rather than with Britain. But in truth any such attempt at analogizing is spurious, for the issues are vastly different. The present fighting over the islands has its origin in the intransigence of the hard-pressed Buenos Aires generals over London's dawdling in the matter of transferring sovereignty in those territories to Argentina.

It has long been obvious that the Falklands would, sooner or later, revert to Argentinian rule. It was only a question of time before the sun would finally set on that last remnant of the once great British empire in the South Atlantic.

Nevertheless Argentina was the aggressor while Britain was the victim, and Argentina's regime is a brutal — some would say, a crypto-fascist — dictatorship while Britain's is a democracy. The decision whom to support in the dispute thus presented little difficulty. But the shock was for this very reason all the greater when the British Foreign Office, after calling the Israeli ambassador in, last Tuesday, openly protested what it described as Israeli arms assistance to Argentina.

Israel's Foreign Ministry charged in reply that the British statements were "likely to enhance utterly unfounded rumours regarding Israel's position in the British-Argentinian dispute and to distort her actual policy completely." The unfounded rumours had to do with an allegedly impending sale of Israeli warplanes and helicopters to Argentina.

The shock to Israelis stemmed at least in part from their lack of awareness of the role this country has played in the arming of Argentina. That role, to be sure, has been strictly marginal. During the past decade sales by Israel have accounted for less than one tenth of the value of the arms purchased by Argentina from abroad. Argentina's major arms providers have been the British themselves, followed by the Germans, the Americans and the French: the country's arms inventory, as one British writer has put it, "is a compendium of the arsenal of the Free World."

The British complaint, however, referred not to the long-standing weapons relationship between Israel and Argentina, but rather to current supplies which, according to the Foreign Office, have been unaffected by the Argentinian aggression. That some Israeli arms might in fact now, or shortly, be heading toward Argentina was indirectly confirmed by the Foreign Ministry's own assertion that it was Israel's policy to honour all its arms contracts with all countries, if such contracts existed.

There could indeed be no other policy for a small and still beleaguered country such as Israel, whose entire arms export programme is basically designed not to influence foreign regimes or to provide jobs at home but to support a vital native arms industry, which helps relieve Israel of dependence on outside arms sources.

Big powers may allow themselves to play fast and loose with arms contracts: their clients will sooner or later come back to them. Israel will lose any arms market, no matter how arduously it had laboured to gain access to it, by failing to deliver as promised.

Whether sufficient thought was given to choosing markets for Israel's spare weaponry in the first place, is another matter. The hard-nosed argument, of course, is that a country in Israel's situation cannot afford to be too choosy. But at times it has seemed no consideration except the strictly economic was at all taken into account. This has boomeranged against Israel before, and it could boomerang again.

Not least in undercutting Israel's case for due discrimination by the western powers in directing their arms to countries of the Middle East.

POSTSCRIPTS

ADOLF HITLER'S picture of the U.S. was formed by novels about American Indians and *The Grapes of Wrath*, a film he watched several times and assumed it represented the whole of the U.S. for all time. These are some of the facts revealed in *World in Balance: Behind the Scenes of World War II* by Prof. Gerhard Weinberg, the initial publication of the Brandeis University Tauber Institute, which was founded in 1980 to study the causes and consequences of European

society in the second quarter of the 20th century.

According to Weinberg, Hitler conceived of the U.S. as a mongrel society which had been degenerating since the wrong side had won the Civil War — a victory which was "against all historical logic and sound sense." Among other analyses of American life, he warned of the Bolshevization of American Indians. Hitler felt the U.S. "was really a feeble country with a large mouth," whose leaders were "nitwits," Weinberg said.

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Urgent call for unity

"The trouble with the Likud is that its flexibility has been used up," writes DAVID KRIVINE in a call for the Labour Party to join the government.

IT IS VITAL that the Labour Party enter the government. Up to the present, Begin's policies were right and necessary. When Sadat offered an opening in his address to the Knesset, the Israeli premier's response was bold and constructive.

Now with the withdrawal from Sinai, he has run out of ideas. Yet the next phase will be critical for the nation. Pressures to give up Judea and Samaria are going to be overwhelming. There must be a variety of new bargaining ploys to keep the situation fluid and prevent the forces of opposition abroad from gelling.

Begin's response, this time is negative. His proposed ban on the liquidation of Jewish settlements, which ties his own hands (as though he didn't trust his own judgment) indicates plainly enough that he has reached the end of the negotiating road.

His programme is to maintain sovereignty over the territories beyond the five-year interim period, to multiply Jewish settlements, and to solve the Palestinian problem by letting the Arabs run their own domestic affairs.

He has tried to sell this proposal for the last three years without success.

The Likud refuses to withdraw under any circumstances, requiring peace on its own terms. Labour is ready to withdraw, but not without a peace treaty. It follows that securing a peace treaty of some sort has to be a prime long-term policy objective.

If the aim is really to end hostilities and secure Arab recognition, the process of negotiation must be kept up at all costs. Options should not be closed — the dialogue

has to continue. We must be perpetually on the look-out for an opportunity, a possibility of understanding, an unforeseen breakthrough (like Sadat's visit to Jerusalem). The momentum of peace-keeping can never be allowed to falter. The moment it does, war will become inevitable.

THE TROUBLE with the Likud is that its flexibility has been used up. Its policies for Stage Two are rigid; they admit of no give-and-take, except over the minor technicalities of self-government. The merit of Labour is that it is open-minded, brimming with ideas, full of suggestions. Labour is able and willing to keep the peace-making effort going until, hopefully, the situation turns in Israel's favour; which is what we need. Likud cannot do it.

The ideal answer is that Labour be voted into power at the next elections. Likud, it must be said, deserved to win in 1977 and 1981, but their turn has now come to re-occupy the opposition benches. Mapam believes that to be the solution. The problem is — it won't happen. Begin proposes to call elections in November or in May of next year. Those elections will not restore the Labour Alignment into office. Barring surprises, one can say that more people are likely to vote for Begin than for Peres.

That is the danger confronting the nation. The Likud and its splinter factions are liable to remain in power, with the support of the National Religious Party and Agudat Yisrael, for the next five years. The question is how to avoid that outcome. The only way is to accept Begin's proposal and institute a new coalition government, half the

portfolios going to Labour and half to the Likud.

It is likely that Begin realizes the impasse he faces. He seeks to escape from his self-imposed rigidity by offering to share power with a party that advocates flexibility. Labour should swallow its pride and accept the olive branch extended by its historic rival — not for love of Menachem, but because the country's future is at stake.

It is essential to avoid an eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation during the coming decade between Israel and the outside world. Should such a deadlock arise, where there is no more possibility of jaw-jaw, the world will try to impose its solution, and that solution — let us make no mistake about it — will be a return to the 1949 borders, as laid down in the Venice and Prince Fald declarations.

The entry of a powerful Labour team into the cabinet, occupying key positions, must introduce a moderating element into Cabinet policies. It would be enough to keep the ball in the game; and perhaps that is what Begin is looking for. The offer of the defence portfolio, and then the denial that it was offered may be taken as a hint. Just as the prime minister needed Moshe Dayan in the Foreign Ministry five years ago to outflank the hawks in his own party, so he may be needing Peres or Rabin in the Defence Ministry now to outflank Arik Sharon.

LABOUR IS necessary in the government coalition during the coming phase of negotiation over autonomy and frontiers, in order to offer this country — not a worse

READERS' LETTERS



DESECRATION OF HOLY SITES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The accompanying photograph of the latrine in the Jordanian Legion camp at Bethany, one of four Legion camps built of Jewish tombstones, gives the reply to Anwar Nusseibeh who maintains that the desecration of Jewish holy sites was "simply war, with all the regrettable consequences of war," that "a few individuals whether in uniform, or out of uniform, driven by bad taste, or worse, greed, may have stealthily removed a few loose tombstones from the Mount of Olives cemetery. If this did happen," writes Nusseibeh, "it was not done with government knowledge, let alone connivance" (Letters — April 27).

I quote from the testimony provided to the Interministerial Investigating Committee by Khalid Ibn Sader Khalil, 33, the son and assistant of Sader Khalil, who had been appointed by the Jordanian government as caretaker of the cemetery on the Mount of Olives. During the war, Sader Khalil senior had, understandably, fled to Amman.

Khalil was questioned: Question: What was your father's job?

Answer: He was supposed to see to it that private individuals did not take out stones without a permit from the government. Several merchants had concessions allowing them to trade in stones from the cemetery. All the rest we would chase away.

Q: How were the graves mutilated? A: Workmen came during the day and pulled apart the tombstones. At night army lorries came, loaded up

the tombstones and drove off. The rest of the stones were taken by the merchants.

Q: Who paid your father's salary? A: The municipality. Mayor Anwar el Khatib sent the checks... Anwar Nusseibeh served as minister of defence when these atrocities were taking place. The systematic, planned profanation of the cemetery went on for 19 years, not, as Nusseibeh maintains, "during the fighting for control of the Old City." It was physically impossible to destroy scores of synagogues and yeshivot, deface or remove 38,000 tombstones, or build roads over the cemetery in that short period.

In its acts of depravity, the Jordanian Government was enthusiastically aided by many of the local Palestinian population who were bent on the cultural and spiritual genocide — or worse — of the Jews of Israel.

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alternative than the maximalist borders that Herut insists on, but a better alternative than the minimalist borders that the Western powers, together with the Soviet Bloc and the Third World, may seek to impose on Israel by force.

There are other important, if less fateful, benefits to be found in a government of national unity, notably the liberation of the country from the domination of diminutive factions like Agudat Yisrael and Tami, whose representation is negligible, yet whose power is decisive, owing to the absurd polarization between the two big parties. Labour and Likud together could introduce Gad Ya'acobi's long-pending electoral reform bill, in the teeth of the opposition of

small factions like the NRP. The new voting system might break the political log-jam, which has been paralysing government in Israel.

Politics have to be pragmatic. There are times for conflict between government and opposition, but there are times for cooperation — and one of those times is surely when this small country faces a far greater external conflict, with practically all the governments in the world. The Jews, it will be recalled, failed tragically to unite when the Romans were besieging Jerusalem. That terrible mistake should not be repeated now.

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Sorrow of Yamit

By MOTTI BEN-YANAI

factory attempt to conceal the dynamic of destruction that operated in the region. The result was discomfort, annoyance and finally hatred.

The hatred was focused on the residents of the region, and the state-sponsored media fanned it. Guilt was branded onto the foreheads of people who not too long ago had answered the country's call to come to the region as pioneers.

AS FOR the anti-withdrawal people, they gave voice to their emotions. Their motives, especially their devotion to an idea, won the sympathy even of people who did not agree with them. Then the hatred was directed at the homes, the hothouses, the plantations and the fields. The dynamic of hatred put bulldozers to work, and they, in a mighty show of destruction, knocked down houses, trees, and flourishing farms.

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